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ST. PETER'S BIGAMY CHARGE

"WEDDING" CEREMONY AFTER HOLIDAY WITH WIFE

A soldier who, it was alleged, had his wife staying with him for three weeks before he went through a form of marriage at St. Peter's Church with a young Broadstairs woman, appeared before the magistrates at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday.

George Albert Fountain, aged 36, was charged on remand with bigamously marrying Pamela Iris Farthing at St. Peter's Parish Church on 29th December during the lifetime of his wife, Annie Clare Ellen Fountain.

Fountain, who was committed for trial at the Kent Assizes, which opens on 23rd February, was allowed bail in his own recognisances.

The County Prosecuting Solicitor, Mr. Eric Weale, said that for three weeks before the "marriage" accused had his own wife staying with him on holiday, so there could be no excuse whatever for the offence. He was married in 1934, lived happily with his wife and had one child. He came to Broadstairs and in September, 1941, met Miss Farthing. Subsequently she thought she was in a certain condition, and they agreed to be married on 26th December. The ceremony was postponed until 29th December.

Mr. Weale said he understood accused's wife did not wish to give evidence against him and was not compelled to do so.

P/C Richard Samuel Parker, of Gloucester, said on 3rd April, 1934, he was present at Pershore register office, Worcestershire, and witnessed the marriage of defendant and Annie Clara Ellen Fletcher.

Ceremony Postponed.

Miss Pamela Iris Farthing, of High-street, St. Peter's, was allowed to sit down while giving evidence.

In reply to Mr. Weale she said she was 25 years of age and was a Post Office clerk. She first met Fountain in September, 1941, and subsequently went out with him. He never told her he was a married man.

Mr. Weale: How long after your first meeting with him was it before he suggested marriage?

Witness: About a fortnight.

Did you agree to marry him then?—No.

Miss Farthing said about a fortnight before Christmas she believed she was in a certain condition and told accused, who suggested that they should get married by special license. She went to Canterbury for the license and arrangements were made for the ceremony to take place at St. Peter's Church at 2.30 p.m. on Boxing Day. About 1 p.m. that day accused telephoned to her to say he could not get off for the wedding that day because he had an examination. The wedding was accordingly postponed.

In the evening she saw Fountain and they talked things over. They then arranged to be married on the following Monday, 29th December, which was his next day off. They went through a form of marriage on that day.

Mentioned a Divorce.

In January, continued witness, accused left the area and went to Aldershot. She visited him there and they both came back to Broadstairs on 14th January.

Mr. Weale: On that day did he tell you something about himself?

Witness: Yes. He told me he was already a married man.

Did he tell you when he last saw his wife?—I don't remember.

Did he tell you whether he was trying to get a divorce or was happily married?—He mentioned something about a divorce.

D/C Self, K.C.C., stationed at Broadstairs, said he interviewed defendant in the presence of his commanding officer at Broadstairs on 17th January. When he explained that he was a detective officer defendant said "I know what it is about." Witness told him he had reason to believe that he had gone through a form of marriage with Miss Farthing at St. Peter's Church on 29th December, his wife being alive. Defendant did not make any reply and was escorted to Broadstairs police station. When charged with the offence he said "I plead guilty. I do not wish to make any statement."

Fountain, who said he had nothing to say, was committed for trial as stated.

BROKE CLOSE ARREST

SOLDIER ON HOUSEBREAKING CHARGE

Stanley Herbert Allen, a soldier, aged 24, was charged at Margate police court on Monday with breaking and entering Connaught Lodge, Harold-road, Margate, between 6th September, 1941, and 5th February, 1942, and stealing a man's suit, pullover, shirt and pair of boots.

D/C Tinson said the previous afternoon he saw defendant at premises in Cliftonville and told him he was making inquiries about a case of housebreaking at Connaught Lodge. He asked him if he owned a pullover with the names Joyce, Ruth and Sheila on the front. The man replied that he did, and witness then told him that he had found a pullover, shirt and boots in the house. Allen said "Yes. I went in there, left my uniform there and laid low until it was dark." He was taken to the police station and when charged with housebreaking said "Nothing to say."

On that evidence the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) applied for a remand until 18th February, and said he had no objection to bail being granted.

An officer from accused's unit who was in court, said the military authorities were opposed to the man being granted bail. The charge was the outcome of accused breaking out of close arrest while awaiting trial by court martial.

The man was remanded in custody.

MR. JAMES MARZETTI

RAMSGATE HOTEL PROPRIETOR'S DEATH

We regret to record the death of Mr. James Marzetti, who passed away at Maidstone on Monday.

Mr. Marzetti was proprietor of the Popular Hotel and Restaurant, Harbour-parade, Ramsgate, where he had carried on business for many years.

During a raid on Ramsgate in August, 1940, Mr. Marzetti received a severe arm injury and was incapacitated for some months.

He had recently opened a restaurant in Maidstone.

CONSTABLES COMMENDED

At the February meeting of Margate Watch Committee the Chief Constable, Mr. W. Palmer, reported particulars of the following recent commendations:

P/C (14) Longley, by the borough justices, for vigilance and smartness in detecting three boys riding stolen bicycles;

W/R/P/C (79) March, by the Chief Constable, for pluck and devotion to duty in effecting the arrest of a soldier on charges of looting;

W/R/P/C (78) Norman, by the Recorder for smartness and attention to duty in detecting and arresting two women who were convicted on charges of housebreaking;

W/R/P/C (61) Cutting, by the borough justices, for smartness and attention to duty in effecting the arrest of two men concerned in stealing and receiving a quantity of barley.

NOT A COMPLETE LOSS

When an action under a hire-purchase agreement came before Judge Clements at the February sitting of Margate county court, the plaintiffs were not represented.

Defendant, who lives at Birchington, said he had lost a day's work by attending the court and his Honour, adjourning the case, awarded him 10s. costs.

HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS APPEAL

The month of January, 1942, brought an increase of £7 5s. in the Ramsgate General Hospital Extensions Appeal Fund, making the total £10,437 17s. 7d.

A dividend on war savings amounting to £6 5s. was received, and a gift of £1 in bun-head coins collected by Mrs. Wood, of St. Peter's.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 6.34 p.m.—7.53 a.m.
Wednesday	. 6.35 p.m.—7.52 a.m.
Thursday	... 6.37 p.m.—7.50 a.m.
Friday	... 6.39 p.m.—7.49 a.m.
Saturday	... 6.41 p.m.—7.47 a.m.
Sunday	... 6.43 p.m.—7.45 a.m.
Monday	... 6.45 p.m.—7.43 a.m.

DEATH OF MR. T. W. CHAPMAN

HARBOUR LINK SEVERED

Associated with the fishing industry at Ramsgate for the greater part of his life, Mr. Thomas Walter Chapman, of Grassholme, London-road, Ramsgate, passed away at Ramsgate General Hospital on Thursday.

Mr. Chapman, who was 76 years of age, retired from the firm of Messrs. Chapman and Lanfear, fish salesmen, about ten years ago and although he had not enjoyed good health for some time, his death followed a comparatively short illness.

Born at Chatham, Mr. Chapman was brought to Ramsgate as a small child and went to sea at a very early age. Before the last war he was a smack owner and following the war he went into partnership with Mr. Lanfear. He retired from the business owing to ill-health.

Mr. Chapman loved the sea and he was a sailor from first to last.

During his long business life in the town Mr. Chapman was also associated with the Char Steam Trawling Company and the Ramsgate Steam Trawling Company.

Over a considerable period Mr. Chapman represented the harbour interests on Ramsgate Chamber of Commerce and when the harbour was taken over by the Corporation he was appointed a member of the Harbour Committee.

A prominent Methodist, Mr. Chapman was a former circuit steward of the Ramsgate Methodist Church and many will remember the very successful Sunday afternoon Bible class which he conducted for many years.

By the death of Mr. Chapman the Ramsgate Methodist Church has lost one of its staunchest friends and one who had always given generously in an unostentatious way to his church.

The deepest sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Chapman and to her niece, Miss Harrisson, who has lived with Mr. and Mrs. Chapman for many years.

The funeral takes place at Ramsgate Cemetery to-day.

CLUB WARNED

RISK OF BEING STRUCK OFF REGISTER

A warning that if better supervision was not exercised the justices would consider striking Ramsgate Social Club off the register was given at Ramsgate Licensing Sessions on Friday.

After the usual business had been transacted the chairman of the club, Mr. M. Isitt, asked permission to address the justices.

Referring to a recent case before the juvenile court, in which two boys aged 14 and 11 stated that they went to the club for a game of billiards, Mr. Isitt said the boys got into the billiard room without being seen by the doorkeeper.

The Chairman (Col. E. E. Ogier): In other words, there's absolutely no supervision at the door.

Mr. Isitt said the regular doorkeeper was away sick and the man on duty did not see the boys enter.

The Chairman: The entrance is not properly supervised. If the doorkeeper is allowed to leave his post how can you say there is proper supervision?

Mr. Isitt said the reason other boys were in the billiard room was that they came in with their parents.

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight): The father of these boys said he was not a member of the club. The boys said they had been to the club on other occasions.

Mr. Isitt: I can't account for that.

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) said he did not think Mr. Isitt appreciated the importance of the matter. It was not confined to one day only for the boys had been there on other days. He suggested there had been a lack of supervision at the club. If there had been a temporary doorkeeper he could not have been properly instructed in his duties. The gravity was that boys could apparently go into the club without let or hindrance and indulge in games of billiards without their parents knowing where they were. They probably spent money they could ill afford and then had recourse to stealing.

The Chairman: I take it you are not anxious that the club should be struck off?

Mr. Isitt: No, sir.

The Chairman: The magistrates take a very serious view of the matter and if it occurs again the question of removing the club from the register will seriously be considered. As to the doorkeeper, I should sack him on the spot and get someone who will carry out his duties properly.

POLICE PAY INCREASES

In accordance with a recent amendment of the police regulations, it has been reported to Margate Watch Committee that a supplementary allowance of 5s. a week became payable to the police inspectors, including the chief inspector, as from 1st September, 1941.

At the request of the Home Office the committee have also agreed to pay from 1st January the supplementary allowance of 10s. and war duty allowance of 3s. a week to the eight members of the First Police Reserve, which will involve the Council in a net annual cost of £135 4s.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FROM GERMANY

Captivity does not damp the spirits of the British soldier, as is clearly shown by this photograph, which was taken on Christmas Day.

Third from the right of the group is L/Bdr. H. Bingham, R.H.A., who was taken prisoner at St. Valerie, on the Somme, in June, 1940.

L/Bdr. Bingham, who is an old boy of Chatham House County School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bingham, late of St. Luke's-avenue and now living at Manston, and a grandson of Mr. H. Darby, of Newington-road.

LOST EYE IN ACCIDENT

FULL COMPENSATION FOR RAMSGATE MAN

At Margate county court last week his Honour Judge Clements decided that an accident sustained by a Ramsgate man in August, 1938, had prevented him from getting work and that he was entitled to full compensation as from the time of the accident.

Percy Frederick Alfred Heyman, of Royal-road, Ramsgate, who had been receiving compensation for partial incapacity, asked for a review of the award on the grounds that he was totally incapacitated and had been unable to get work.

The respondent firm were the Francois Cementation Company, by whom Heyman was formerly employed in Margate.

Miss D. Knight Dix, instructed by Messrs. Robinson and Allfree, represented applicant, and Mr. H. G. Garland the respondents.

Miss Dix said Heyman was a skilled labourer engaged on certain mining and sewage work when he met with an accident on 16th August, 1938. He lost his right eye and suffered a nervous breakdown, due to the accident. In February, 1939, his Honour made an award on the basis of total incapacity and he was paid the maximum compensation of 30s. a week from 3rd January to 29th March, 1939.

Worked as Night Watchman.

He then became fit for light work and the respondents found him work as a night watchman at Margate, which continued until 26th August that year. During that period he received 12s. 10d. a week compensation, representing half the difference between his wages and his pre-accident earnings. He was discharged on account of the work coming to an end and was paid 16s. 10½d. a week compensation, being half the difference between his usual pay as a night watchman and his pre-accident earnings. Since 26th August, 1939, he had made every effort to obtain light work, which was the only work he could do, without success.

His Honour questioned why applicant had not applied before to be treated as totally incapacitated and said while an order could be dated back a few months he doubted whether it could be dated back nearly three years.

Miss Dix said the man had been hoping to get work, and there had been long correspondence.

Heyman said he would be 49 years of age in March. Explaining the efforts he had made to obtain light work, he said he had written to a number of contractors in the district and approached the local authorities and gas water and electricity undertakings. He had also watched newspaper advertisements, but had only seen one which he could answer, and had regularly signed on at the Employment Exchange. He also applied for a post as a warden in the air raid shelter tunnels at Ramsgate without success. His head gave him trouble when he bent down. He could do work as a watchman because he could take his time at it.

Never Sent to a Job.

Cross-examined, applicant said the respondents paid him £2 10s. a week as a watchman and there was no complaint about his work. Afterwards he drew unemployment benefit for six weeks, and since then he had had public assistance. All the time he signed on at the Employment Exchange for work but was never sent to a job.

In reply to Mr. Garland, applicant said at some places at which he called to try to get work he was told he need not call again as he was not suitable. He admitted there was no work available for him. If he had been all right he could have obtained work but there were no light jobs.

Mr. Garland contended that applicant's failure to get work was not by reason of his injury but because there were no jobs available. All the letters he received in reply to his applications to contractors stated that the firms had no jobs. The mere fact that there were no jobs going was not a ground for granting the application under the section of the Act. Counsel submitted that a man who was partially incapacitated could not say that because there were no jobs available he was entitled to be compensated on a basis of total incapacity.

Mr. J. C. Cotton, chief engineering assistant to Ramsgate Corporation, said Heyman was employed on and off by the Corporation as a general labourer on sewer work from 1927 to 1932. Since his accident he had made application for light work but there were no vacancies for such work. From the outbreak of war until last autumn, however, the Corporation had difficulty in obtaining all the heavy labour necessary to carry out civil defence schemes. Had applicant been able to apply for heavy work he would probably have been employed by the Corporation.

Referring to applicant's request that if an award was made it should be dated back to the time he became unemployed, Mr. Garland said it was an alarming state of affairs for unfortunate employers, or those who stood behind them, if that were permissible under the Act. It would make mincemeat of the Act of Parliament.

A Clear Case.

Summing up, his Honour said there was ample evidence that applicant would have obtained work of the type he was doing before the accident had he been fit. It was also clear that his failure to obtain work was due wholly or mainly to his injury. The man therefore complied with the provisions of the Act. It appeared that he had taken all reasonable steps to get work, for every week he had signed on at the Labour Exchange, which was the best thing he could do. The man could not go wandering all over the country to look for work. In his view therefore, it was a perfectly clear case in which the applicant should succeed but he could not have it both ways by drawing compensation and unemployment benefit.

Miss Dix suggested that his Honour should make it a condition that the man should repay the amount he drew in unemployment benefit from the lump sum he would receive by back dating the award. The Employment Exchange had a statutory right to recover that amount but she did not know whether any claim could be made for the repayment of public assistance. Applicant received about 13s. a week unemployment pay and afterwards about 30s. a week public assistance.

His Honour made an award of 30s. a week compensation for total incapacity from 26th August, 1939, conditional upon applicant repaying the amount received in unemployment benefit, plus 5s. a week supplementary allowance from August, 1940, and 4s. allowance for one children under 15.

THE WINTER GARDENS

MARGATE RESTORATION PLANS

Preliminary reports have been prepared by Mr. J. E. Saxby and Mr. Stanley C. Ramsey, F.R.I.B.A., regarding the restoration of Margate Winter Gardens.

The Entertainments Committee have given directions that rough plans be prepared providing for:

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A WIFE'S CLOTHES

JUDGE HEARS STRANGE STORY

After hearing lengthy evidence of a matrimonial dispute, much of which he said was entirely irrelevant, Judge Clements, at the February sitting of Margate county court, ordered John Beauchamp Noel, of Victoria-road, Margate, to return to his wife, Mrs. Dorothy May Noel, of York-road, Mote Park Estate, Maidstone, certain articles of clothing she claimed, or their value, £10 15s., within seven days.

His Honour also awarded Mrs. Noel costs and said that postcards defendant had sent to his wife after the proceedings were instituted would be kept in the custody of the court.

Mrs. Noel, who evacuated from Margate with her daughter in 1940, alleged that her husband had been "carrying on" with their maid. When she returned to Margate she sent the girl home but because of her husband's conduct she had to go away again herself.

"I married him in all good faith," said plaintiff. "When he wanted the girl he said I was not his wife and wanted to get rid of me, so I said to him 'go to the police and make a clean breast of it if I am not your legal wife.'"

Plaintiff added that the house in which her husband was living was hers, and the home was hers. She went there to get her clothes, but defendant would not let her have them, and she had nothing except what she stood up in. Her husband contended he had sold the clothes and had said that if she wanted them she could buy them back for £15.

Literature Through the Post.

Mrs. Noel handed the Judge some papers, saying "Since the case has been pending he has sent me all this literature through the post to frighten me and unnerve me for to-day."

In reply to defendant Mrs. Noel said she had no receipts for the clothes she claimed as she had bought or knitted them herself.

Defendant: Do you say your several husbands have had a habit of wrongfully keeping your things after you have eloped from them?

Plaintiff: I don't understand what you mean.

Defendant mentioned proceedings in a London court in 1917 against "another husband," whereupon plaintiff explained that she was divorced from her first husband when she was 21.

Mrs. Noel said that for the past seven years she had been working for her living and bought the clothes her husband was wearing that day.

Defendant: What is your occupation?

Plaintiff: I am working for Mr. Gilbert as housekeeper.

As housekeeper only?—Yes. He is my uncle.

Is it usual for an employer to write to you as "My darling wify?"

"Where did you get that from," asked plaintiff as defendant exhibited a letter to give support to his question. "You knocked me down and stole it out of my handbag. The police asked you to give them up and you said you would not."

"Hubby Charles."

Defendant read from another letter "My sweetheart, you cannot possibly stay in Margate until January." . . . "Lots of love and kisses from your loving hubby, Charles."

Mrs. Noel admitted the man referred to was in court and said that if her husband wanted to divorce her it was a matter for another court. She denied that she was living with the man as his mistress.

Defendant, referring to the "25 years she had been posing as his wife," said he had done all the shopping and bought all his wife's clothes except the coat she was wearing that day. He had the cheques to prove it.

"It was with the money I earned in the convalescent home as matron," replied plaintiff.

"You were cook at the home," retorted defendant.

Plaintiff said the convalescent home was her business.

Questioning defendant, his Honour asked "What do you mean when you say 'Posing as my wife'? Is she your wife or not?"

Defendant: Yes. I said posing because she has carried on with all sorts of men.

Defendant said they were married at a register office at Kingston in August, 1917 but he could not remember the date. For two years they lived together, and about a year before they were married plaintiff was divorced by her previous husband.

Disgraceful Thing.

Referring to the papers which plaintiff had handed to him, his Honour said "You know quite well you ought not to have sent these postcards."

Defendant: I do, but they do not affect the case.

His Honour: I don't know about that. To send postcards of that kind can affect a man's character. Don't you think it it a disgraceful thing to do?

Defendant: I know. But it is what I have had to go through. My words cannot describe it.

The Judge asked defendant if his case was that he bought the clothes which his wife claimed.

Defendant: I bought them for the adornment of my wife while living with me as my wife, and not while living in adultery with another man as his mistress.

The Judge: She said she gave you the money for them.

Defendant: That is nonsense. She is lying.

Miss Phyllis Kay, called as a witness by defendant, said she was a waitress in a cafe at Birchington and had known Mrs. Noel for five years, having lived at the house as one of the family up to last July. She did not know if Mr. Noel bought his wife's clothes, but she had seen him come back from London with parcels of frocks.

Defendant: So it is not true to say Mrs. Noel bought these things herself?—I don't know who paid the money.

Who carried on the nursing home?—You were secretary and Mrs. Noel was matron.

Paid 2s. 6d. a Week.

Answering the Judge, witness said Mrs. Noel ran the convalescent home. When witness first went there she was paid 2s. 6d. a week by Mrs. Noel.

Examined by plaintiff, witness admitted that Mrs. Noel took her away from the house. When Mr. Noel went shopping his wife gave him the money.

Mrs. Noel said the cheques were made out to her and she gave them to her husband to put into his account.

Defendant said he obtained the patients through societies and brought them from London hospitals to Margate. After their stay he took them back, sent in the accounts and received the cheques in the ordinary way. He drew certain money for the household.

His Honour, giving judgment, said he had no doubt at all that the clothes belonged to Mrs. Noel. Whether she bought them with her own money or with money given to her did not matter at all.

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BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE

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BROADSTAIRS TEMPLAR OFFICERS

At the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., meeting held in the Good Templar Hall, Edge End-road, Broadstairs, on Tuesday, a memorial service was combined with the intercession service and tribute was paid to the work and character of the late Mrs. Glover, whose death is reported under a separate heading.

Greetings were tendered by Pte. Hasham, R.A.M.C., and messages and good wishes were received from Pte. R. Pointer, Pte. A. Baker, Flt. Sgt. E. McCabe, Mrs. E. Howting, D.V.T., Mrs. Whittle and Mr. T. E. Martin.

Mr. T. E. McCabe was elected Lodge Deputy for the Grand Chief Templar, and Mrs. L. A. Ware Lodge Supt. of Educational Work.

Other officers were elected as follows: C.T., Miss O. Ware; V.T., Miss B. Whiteley; secretary, Mrs. L. A. Ware; financial secretary, Mrs. N. McCabe; treasurer, Mr. T. E. McCabe; chaplain, Mr. A. B. Impett; marshal, Mr. S. Glover; deputy marshal, Miss A. Rixon; guard, Mrs. A. Hawes; sentinel, Miss D. Ballard; assistant secretary, Miss B. Lithauer; P.C.T., Mr. E. J. Glover; hon. chaplain, Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie.

A MOBILE CASUALTY

To effect a reduction in the establishment of the personnel required for the civil defence casualty services, the Regional Commissioner and the Kent County Council have decided that the mobile unit stationed at Ramsgate Health Centre first-aid post shall be converted into a light unit.

WOMEN'S CHAT

TASTY MORSELS FROM BREAD SCRAPS

The best answer to the question "What are you going to do with your bread scraps" is the historic one made by the little boy eating an apple hungrily watched by a pal. When asked "Will you give me the core?" the answer came pat. "There ain't going to be no core!"

The thrifty housewife knows so many ways of using up the loaf end and the crusts that as for waste scraps—there just "ain't goin' to be none."

Here are some snappy suggestions:

Wheatmeal Straws.

With a sharp knife, cut stale pieces of bread into slim fingers. Sprinkle lightly with salt. Put them on a flat tin and bake in the oven. Serve instead of cheese straws, and as an accompaniment to soups and savouries.

Toast all tiny pieces and crumbs left over in the oven at the same time, crush with a rolling-pin and store in airtight jars. It helps a lot to have a good store of these crumbs handy for rolling rissoles, sausages, and fish cakes, and for topping sweet and savoury pies and dishes.

Here is an adaptation of a popular Ministry of Food recipe as served at the carrot tasting demonstrations now being held up and down the country.

Wheatmeal Carrots.

- ½ lb. of carrots
- 1 large cupful of browned wheatmeal crumbs
- 1 tablespoonful of grated cheese
- 1 large breakfastcupful of carrot water
- 1 tablespoonful of chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper
- A chopped leek, or a little dried celery top or onion skin for flavouring
- 1 tablespoonful of flour

Scrub, slice lengthways and cook the carrots in salted water until tender, then strain and put aside.

Put the grated cheese, chopped parsley, breadcrumbs, leek or other flavouring into half the carrot water and while this mixture is heating through, make a panada of blended flour and the rest of the carrot water. Put the panada in the pan with the other ingredients and simmer for 5 minutes, stirring meanwhile to prevent sticking. Pour the mixture into a shallow casserole, cover with a thick layer of cooked carrots, cover closely with the lid and bake in a moderate oven for a quarter of an hour.

Swedes are plentiful and good just now. When you are going to have the oven for another dish try

Jack O'Lantern.

- 1 medium-sized swede
- 1 tablespoonful of shredded cabbage
- 1 small grated carrot
- 1 tablespoonful of chopped celery or leek
- 2 ozs. of chopped fat bacon, minced meat, crumbed sausage meat or corned beef
- 3 tablespoonsful of browned breadcrumbs
- ½ cupful of vegetable stock
- Salt and pepper

Peel the swede, cut off the top and scoop out the centre. Grate this inside of the swede finely and mix it with the cabbage, leek, or celery. Season well, press back into the swede "lantern," moisten with boiling vegetable stock.

Put into a deep casserole, surround with a little water, cover closely and cook in a moderate oven for 2 hours, or until the swede is tender.

Remove the lid, sprinkle with the bacon or other meat and the breadcrumbs, move to the hottest part of the oven and cook for 15 minutes. Lift out of the casserole, thicken the liquor with gravy powder and serve with baked potatoes.

PARTING GIFT

TO ST. LAWRENCE VICAR

The Rev. C. P. Cowland-Cooper, Vicar of St. Lawrence, left Ramsgate last week and is to be inducted Vicar of Bicester, near Oxford, to-morrow.

Following evensong at St. Lawrence Church on Sunday afternoon, the parishioners met for tea in St. Lawrence Parish Hall and a presentation was made to Mr. Cowland-Cooper.

Altogether the sum of £57 had been collected but the Vicar stipulated that he should receive only a cassock and that the balance of the money should be devoted to the St. Lawrence Day Schools Building Fund.

The chair was taken by Mr. W. Edis, chairman of the Parochial Church Council, and Alderman W. Hawkins paid a tribute on behalf of the parish to Mr. Cowland-Cooper's ministry at St. Lawrence.

The presentation, which was accompanied by a book containing the names of the donors, was made by Mr. E. Spencer Payne, Vicar's warden.

Reference was made to the long illness of Mrs. Cowland-Cooper, who earlier in the day had been presented with a leather fitted writing case, a fountain pen and a pair of fleece-lined bootees.

STUCK TO THEIR POSTS

"We are a mixed crowd—miners, jockeys, soldiers, bookies, clerks—all living for one thing—ultimate victory and home." So writes Cpl. James Peall, The Buffs, of College-road, Margate, in a letter to his parents from Stalag XXA (6).

"We have 18 men to a hut re-living our battles," he adds. "Considering all things, we are fairly cheerful. The morale of the boys is wonderful. We are fortunate to be alive and unfortunate to be captured. Not heroes, but just men who obeyed orders and stuck to our posts."

Cpl. Peall, who is employed on road work, has played soccer and taken part in two boxing tournaments at his prison camp, where he is also scenic artist to the concert party.

BROTHERS IN SAME PRISON CAMP

Mrs. Oakley, of 14 Arnold-road, Margate, has two sons in the German prison camp Stalag VIII B.

They are Gnrs. Charles and Albert Worth.

Although not together when taken prisoner, the brothers found themselves in the same camp.

In a letter home, Gnr. Albert Worth said he and his brother were quite well and looking on the bright side.

"The lads had plenty of musical instruments for Christmas," added the letter. "I have a Hawaiian guitar, so there is plenty of noise. We have received all the parcels you have sent out."

NO TUNNEL FOR CHILTON

Although Anderson shelters and other forms of protection have been provided for residents in the Chilton district, 136 of them have petitioned Ramsgate Town Council to take steps to provide them with a deep tunnel shelter.

In view of official disapproval of similar schemes for Whitehall and Southwood, the Council do not consider it would be any use trying to secure consent for a deep tunnel shelter at Chilton. They have informed the petitioners accordingly.

140 TONS

THANET'S RESPONSE

TO WASTE PAPER DRIVE

The response to the various national appeals which are made shows that the spirit of patriotism burns as fiercely as ever in the hearts of the people who are seeing the war through in the Thanet towns.

Last month the Government launched a waste paper salvage drive and although total figures are not yet available, Ramsgate, Broadstairs and Margate between them produced over 140 tons.

To date Ramsgate heads the list with the excellent contribution of 70 tons 18 cwts. The figure is considered exceedingly good in view of the present population figure of 14,300.

Traders and householders alike responded well to the appeal but many difficulties, not the least being the bad weather conditions during part of the month, had to be overcome.

The total figure for Margate was 44 tons 12 cwts. 23 lbs. The present population of the borough is approximately 13,700.

Margate schoolchildren played an important part in the collection and between them they contributed 3 tons 16 cwts. 10 lbs. Margate Boy Scouts also did well, collecting 3 tons 13 cwts.

With a population of only 4,500, Broadstairs produced the high total of 23 tons 17 cwts. 28 lbs.

Broadstairs has been making a concentrated salvage effort for some time past and last year nearly 100 tons were collected and delivered to the pulping mills.

A THREEPENNY RATE

COST OF FIRE GUARD ALLOWANCE

It is estimated that payment of subsistence allowances to part-time fire guards at Ramsgate will cost £4,380 a year and that a further £760 will be involved by similar payments to other part-time unpaid civil defence volunteers.

On this basis, if the expenditure ranks for grant only as is proposed, the total sum to be borne by Ramsgate Council will be £1,285 a year, which is equivalent to a rate of 3·2d.

Representations were made at a recent conference of local authorities that the expenditure should rank for total reimbursement, and Ramsgate Civil Defence Committee have asked that these representations should be continued.

BROADSTAIRS FOOD SUPPLIES

Although difficulties arose from time to time, food supplies in Broadstairs and St. Peter's were generally well maintained during the three months ended 31st December, states the quarterly report of the local Food Control Committee.

In most cases complaints of shortages had been remedied and in one complaint of overcharge for rationed goods it was considered, after investigation, that a warning would meet the case. Of 19 applications received from consumers to change their retailers, nine were granted.

"A great deal of the work in connection with food distribution," stated the report, "is of an executive character, carried out by the Food Executive Officer and his staff in accordance with instructions received from time to time from the Ministry of Food. This leaves the committee free to concern themselves with the broader issues of the distribution of food under the Rationing Order, the issuing of licenses to retailers and establishments, and the enforcement of price maintenance and the regulations laid down by the Ministry."

SOLDIERS AGAIN REMANDED

As enquiries had not been completed, two housebreaking charges against soldiers were again adjourned at Margate police court on Wednesday.

In the first case Charles Alexander Price was charged with breaking and entering 5 Norfolk-road, Margate, between 1st December and 8th January and stealing articles to the value of £2 6s. 8d., the property of Amy Gardner.

In the second case Stanley Daniel Lewis was charged with breaking and entering Rancliffe Court, Queen's-parade, the residence of Hilda Richards, between 1st September and 20th October, and stealing a fur coat.

The cases were adjourned for a week, the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) stating that he then hoped to be in a position to proceed.

DISCIPLINE AT F.A.P. DEPOTS

Representatives of the National Association for Civil Defence have discussed with the Ramsgate Sub-Controller points concerning the application of revised standing orders issued by the Medical Officer of Health concerning the duties and discipline of the personnel of the first-aid party depots.

After receiving the reports of the Sub-Controller and the Medical Officer of Health, the Civil Defence Committee feel that such standing orders should operate satisfactorily and have accordingly approved them.

As casualty services personnel performing stand-by duties under the mutual aid scheme will no longer be granted time off during their duty period to obtain a meal, arrangements are being made for the delivery from the British Restaurants of a free midday meal to the personnel affected.

AIRPORT OPTION EXTENDED

In view of the difficulty in which Ramsgate Airport Ltd. is placed owing to the absence of Mr. Whitney Straight, who is believed to be a prisoner of war, Ramsgate Council have agreed to extend up to three months from the termination of hostilities the option granted the company to determine the lease.

Under the original agreement the company had the option to determine the lease by six months' notice prior to 16th July, 1942.

The Council also agree that the company's request to be relieved from their obligation to insure against storm and tempest is reasonable in present circumstances and the Aerodrome Committee have offered to consider the question of paying any additional premium to cover the risk themselves.

"I have no doubt that the Russians intend to make the conquest of Germany absolutely complete and thorough."—Sir Stafford Cripps.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

SHE WHO LOOKED ON

By CLARE THORNTON

Even while the organ pealed triumphantly, and Phyl was coming up the aisle on Uncle Ivor's arm, followed by her two pages and four child-bridesmaids, Lilian's thoughts were far away, seeing herself in her new freedom, seeing a new Lilian, with a life of her own, interests of her own. No longer would she be what she had been ever since she could remember—just someone who looked on at other people's lives! She'd have her own life, her own friends, her own activities, in a way that had never been possible.

Golden-haired, blue-eyed Phyl looked exquisitely lovely as she stood there in her white and silver bridal gown, being married to Harry Crest, just as lovely as May, and Greta, and Diana, and Aileen had looked, as they'd been married to Tom and Hilary and Frederick and Douglas!

Lilian was thirty-five, and May, the eldest of her five sisters, was only twenty-six. Phyl was twenty, and the other three had come within a year of each other, before her. Always, Lilian had felt more like an aunt than a sister to these five astonishingly pretty young things. From their mother they'd inherited a way of leaving all the dull, practical details of everyday life to someone else, and that someone had been their eldest sister. Because she was extremely efficient, Lilian had taken on the job of "manager" for the family. Her mother was perfectly happy as long as she could give as many parties as she liked, and play bridge every day, sometimes twice a day!

Lilian had never actively disliked her sisters, although she had known that they pitied her—more or less—despised her. All five were cut to the same pattern. They were material-minded, caring solely and frankly for getting what they called "the best" out of life, and the best meant the same to each of them—money, social position, the sense of being envied. Lilian had taken after her gentle, unworldly father, who had died six years ago.

Glancing along the pew at her mother, she saw how radiant she looked, in spite of traces of fatigue that make-up couldn't altogether hide. It was a great day for her! Her "baby" was marrying a straight, pleasant boy who would inherit a fortune and a title some day.

Lilian remembered the afternoon, two months ago, when Phyl, beside herself with excitement and happiness, had rushed in between a lunch-party and a cocktail-party to tell them that she was going to marry Harry.

A Good Idea.

That night, trembling with nervousness, Lilian had said to her mother, at dinner:

"I wonder, mother, if you'd understand if I . . . told you I'd like to live alone for a bit. I've got enough money to take a flatlet somewhere. You could stay at your club. You know you've always wanted to. We could sell this house—it'll be far too big. At any rate—we could do it for a time, and see how it worked."

How enchanted she'd been to read relief in her mother's face, to hear her say:

"That's a good idea! I could stay at my club. An excellent idea, Lilian! Of course, 'Normanhurst' will be far too big for the two of us."

Her mother had never liked her, never forgiven her for being plain, and "different." It had been useful, of course, to have an eldest daughter who didn't mind doing all the dull jobs that younger and prettier sisters left undone, still, she'd always been a thorn in her mother's side, she knew!

She could imagine what all these fashionably - dressed, crimson - nailed women who'd come to see Phyl married were thinking now. "Poor Lilian, it must be awful for her! Five lovely sisters marrying one by one, and her left on the shelf! She must be thirty-eight if she's a day! And now she'll be all alone with her mother!"

If they knew!

In the vestry there was the usual chattering, and laughter, and kissing . . . Phyl was radiant. She was in love with her eligible young man! He was an attractive, nice-looking youth. May's handsome dark face looked a little sulky. Her Tom was only a successful stockbroker, and it had been a bitter pill to her to see her youngest sister get engaged to the heir to a peerage! Lilian moved over to Barry Gilmore's side. This was, she knew, a sad day for Barry! Six months ago, Phyl had said "No" to him, but he'd haunted the house since then, hoping that she'd change her mind. . . . It must be dreadful for him to see her married to someone else! He was a dear, was Barry! A pity that he, who was thirty-six, and had a good brain, should have fallen so disastrously for little butterfly Phyl, who had no mind above dances and new frocks, but—there it was! Men did these things!

Lilian and Barry talked, while the others crowded round the bride, teasing her, praising her dress, her composure. . . May's Robin and Aileen's Dicky were pages. They were pretty boys, but so spoilt as to be unbearable!

Oh, how tired she was of looking on! Looking on while radiant young sisters bought trousseaux, looking on at weddings, being a bridesmaid until one became too old. . . Smiling at the same old jokes—"Your turn next, Lilian! Mustn't let the youngsters get ahead of you!" Looking on at new homes, admiring new furniture, being godmother to new babies. Fulfilling the dull, "stuffy" role of Auntie! Being called in and relied upon in every kind of domestic emergency.

The Last Time.

The last time! She'd have a home of her own to claim her—parties of her own. She'd make excuses natural in a householder, when they sent her S.O.S's!

As the bridal procession walked down the aisle and the organ crashed into Mendelssohn's Wedding March, and necks were craned, and a murmur of talk broke out, Lilian was planning how she would furnish the big room in her flatlet. She'd already looked over several, but had not yet decided which to take. She must be somewhere near Kensington Gardens, because she was going to buy a cocker spaniel to keep her from being too lonely. . .

They were back at "Normanhurst." and the guests were being announced in the big hall, where the happy couple stood receiving their good wishes. May's Robin and Aileen's Dicky were scrapping, and having to be separated by a harassed nurse. . . Mother looked tired! A pity, as she'd have an hour or two to go, yet.

Lilian moved over to her.

"Mother, you look tired! Shall I get you something? A glass of sherry? You could slip away for a minute . . ."

Her mother's "lifted" face frowned.

"I'm all right! For Heaven's sake don't fuss, Lilian!"

Lilian knew that if one of her sisters had said what she'd said, the answer would have been different. It was only for her that her mother kept that cold, snubbing manner!

She turned away to find Barry beside her.

"I was wanting mother to have something," she murmured to him. "She looks tired."

"I thought that, too," he replied. "How hot it is in here! Don't you think we can escape into the garden for a bit?"

So, they went out, and paced the path between the pinks and lilies.

She was smiling, as he said:

"You seem happy!"

Happy Dream.

She'd have to tell him! She couldn't keep it from him! After all, he was a friend of the family's. And everyone would know in a day or two.

"Yes, I'm very happy! Barry, I'll tell you a secret! No one knows yet but mother and me! The girls don't know. We're going to sell the house! Mum will live at her club and play bridge to her heart's content . . . I'm going to have what I've longed for, all my life!"

He looked at her radiant face.

"What's that?"

"A life of my own, Barry! A tiny flat! I can afford it, you know, and mother says she'll give me any furniture I want. Oh, you don't know, no one knows, how I've longed to have something of my own! The girls and I . . . we've never had the same interests. **You** know that! It's the same with mother and me—we've got absolutely nothing in common! Oh, it'll be too, too wonderful, to have my little flat in London! I've never been so happy in my life as I am to-day!"

He said nothing for a few moments. Then:

"Won't you be . . . lonely?"

"Good Heavens, **no**! I've always had too many people round me, crowding my own interests out of the way, cramping my personality!"

"Still, I should have thought that . . . to be quite by oneself . . ."

"I shan't be! I shall have Colin! He's the cocker I'm going to buy. Oh, Barry, I shall be a different person! I'm mad with happiness at the thought of it! Mind, Barry, don't say anything about it, yet!"

"I won't. I'm very glad you're going to have what you've always wanted!"

"I am!" she laughed. "I'm a self-sufficient person, you know. A regular, pre-ordained spinster! Come and see me in my flatlet. I'll love to entertain my friends."

"I'll come, rather!"

"I'm afraid I shall have to go in now! There are such a lot of people I haven't spoken to, yet . . ."

It was marvellous, she discovered, how her secret happiness could leaven the mass of all this boredom! She'd always found the people in this opulent suburb utterly out of sympathy! Yet, because she was so soon to escape from them, she found it quite easy to respond to the flood of inanities that she had to encounter, as she ate sandwiches and drank champagne, and wandered in and out of the billiard-room, where the presents were displayed.

"Poor Lilian! Won't you miss Phyl?"

"Oh, I will!"

(Miss that self-centred little creature who'd always managed to make her feel about seventy?)

"Didn't she look sweet? And weren't the bridesmaids adorable? Quite the prettiest wedding I've seen for ages!"

"Isn't it wonderful, Lilian, the baby making such a brilliant match. **Do** tell me which is the bridegroom's father! That distinguished man with the eye-glass?"

If she'd been staying on here with mother, how different it would have been, how difficult to endure all these tiresome, worldly, hard-eyed people! Mother and the girls had no idea, really, what friendship was. All they wanted was—rich people, people who were worth while, socially, people who gave "good" parties! Her friends they despised. They were poor. They earned their livings. They weren't smart. Phyl hadn't wanted them asked to her wedding. She'd hinted as much. They'd be "out of things," she'd suggested!

At last, it was over! The bride and bridegroom, looking absurdly young and touchingly radiant, had kissed relations and shaken hands with friends, and run through a shower of confetti to the waiting Daimler with the satin slipper tied on behind. . . There had been waving hands, and laughter, and cheers, and then, she was standing beside her mother, shaking people by the hand, smiling with tired lips, saying:

"How nice of you to say so! Good-bye! So glad you were able to come . . ."

Barry looked grave and sad. Poor, poor chap! He must know, now, that it was no good hoping, any more . . . They probably wouldn't see much of him in future!

Dashed Hopes.

They'd all gone, in the end, except May, who was staying in the house. Aileen and Greta were staying with Diana, who lived three miles away. They took May's children with them. May, who was expecting her third, felt tired, and went to bed almost at once.

Lilian and her mother dined alone. There wasn't much to say. Lilian saw her mother's faced looked very worn and old, but she didn't say anything, remembering how she'd been snubbed that afternoon. She did her best to talk, but her mother hardly answered. When the maid had left them to their dessert the elder woman said, in a rather halting way:

"I've got something to tell you, Lilian."

Instantly she knew. Her heart grew sick; her limbs began to tremble . . . . Oh, but, she should have known, all along! Could any good luck come her way? Could life, that had treated her so shabbily, suddenly turn kind?

Fool that she had been, not to know!

"What is it, mother?"

"I could have told you before, only . . . I wanted to get the wedding over . . ."

She knew what it was, of course. Her mother's face, its smiling mask off, betrayed only too completely that she was an ill woman.

"You see I'm not well. I didn't want Phyl to know. It would have made her unhappy!" (Lilian couldn't help being amused by that! Selfish little Phyl, who'd never thought about anybody but herself, being made unhappy by someone else's troubles!) "It was better to get the wedding over. I've been to specialists. They say my heart's in a very poor state. I shall have to rest a lot . . ."

"I'm sorry!"

Sorry! Ye Gods, yes! Sorry! She wouldn't escape, after all! She'd be looking on, still! Not at weddings, and births, and happy things! At a woman who had never liked her, never had any sympathy for her.

Oh, God! And she'd believed that she was to escape!

"I shan't sell the house, now. I shall have to rest so much that it will be nice to have the big garden. You will, of course, continue to do the housekeeping. The specialist says I must be spared all worry. I need hardly say, it's a great blow! I've always been so strong . . ." Her face was creased into bitter lines. She'd be a very bad patient, disobedient, fractious, impossible to please. Heart-patients were difficult to deal with.

Lilian made an effort to control her almost overwhelming sense of disappointment. One had to . . . to behave decently!

"Never mind, mother! We'll face it together . . ."

"Oh, it's got to be faced! I'm glad I didn't let darling Phyl know. It would have spoilt her day!"

Darling Phyl's day mustn't be spoilt! Oh, no! But old, plain Lilian's life could be spoilt . . . Not one word had her mother said that showed any sorrow for Lilian's plans having to be altered!

Lilian stared at the roses in the centre of the table.

"I'll go up to my room now." Her mother got up. "Mind, don't tell May until to-morrow. Worry is bad for her just now. I shall go to bed at once. To-day has tired me, naturally."

"Shall I . . ." Vaguely wanting to be sympathetic, but embarrassed, because they had always meant so little to each other—"come up to your room later on?"

"Oh, no! Why? I'm all right!" She spoke impatiently. "Don't try to make me into an invalid before my time, please! I'll read in bed. . . Good-night."

"Good-night," said Lilian.

Despair in the Garden.

Telling the maid that she didn't want any coffee she went out into the garden. When one was faced with a crushing misfortune, a garden was a sweet place . . . It seemed to bring peace. . . .

Not now, though! This pain was beyond its gentle power.

On the white wooden bench, looking across the rose-garden, she sank down. The tears came. She couldn't help it! They splashed down on to her hands.

It was so cruel, so fiendishly cruel! Happiness had been within her grasp . . . at; last! And it had been snatched away!

Her mother would probably live for years. She'd take great care of herself! She, the unmarried daughter, would naturally look after her. . . . She could hear people say: "How lucky Mrs. Marston has Lilian to look after her. . . . A plain daughter can be very useful!" The world from which she'd hoped to escape would close round her again—a suburban world peopled by wealthy, stupid women who thought of nothing but emulating each other socially, and winning money at bridge! There'd be no little flat of one's own, no parties of real friends gathered round the fire, no freedom, no independence!

She laughed, even as the tears ran down her face, at the irony of it!

"Lilian!"

She sprang up. Barry was looking down at her his eyes were wide-open.

"Lilian, what's the matter?"

"Oh, Barry!"

"Lilian, don't cry! What is it? I'm your friend, my dear! Tell me!"

She told him, in broken sentences. He, alone in all the world, knew of her lovely dream that would never be fulfilled, now. . . . He was kind! He'd understand!

At the end, he said, very gently:

"Oh, my dear! I'm so, so sorry!"

She tried to dry her tears. She sat down on the bench, and he sat beside her.

She whispered:

"It's awful of me to . . . let myself go like this! But . . . I couldn't help it! It . . . it's such a cruel disappointment! And . . . it's got to be done! There's no way out! She's got me! I can't . . . leave her to strangers . . . I'll have to . . . stand by her!"

"There's a way out," he said, quietly. "Only . . . I'm afraid you won't take it!"

"What?" She stared at him through her tears. He stared back at her.

"I love you, Lilian!"

She gasped.

"Barry! What do you mean! It . . . it's Phyl!"

"Phyl? All this time? Good God, no! I soon got over that! Did you really think that I came here all this time because I thought Phyl might change her mind?"

She nodded. She couldn't speak.

"What a fool I've been not to realise you might think that!" he went on. "Why, I wouldn't have married her if she had changed her mind! Do you think a man could come here, as I've done all these weeks, and not see how . . . how sweet you are, how marvellously kind and adorable, in every way? Why, my darling, you're worth the whole lot of them put together! Oh, my blood's boiled to see the way they and your mother have treated you! Oh, Lilian, I . . . I love you so much!"

His voice broke. His eyes! She'd seen the way the men who'd loved them had looked at May and Greta and Diana and Aileen and Phyl. . .

"Of course," he went on, "I never thought I had any chance with you, though I know you . . . like me as a friend. If you love someone, you don't want to be . . . liked as a friend! I'd meant to come to-night and . . . tell you I cared, and then, this afternoon, I got my death-blow! You said that all you wanted in the world was to live alone. . . And your face was lit up with happiness! Oh, it was pretty ghastly for me to hear you say that!"

Then—**that** was why he'd looked so grim and sad! Not because Phyl was married and lost to him. . . .

Even as she stared at him, dazed and breathless at the marvel of it all, he was whispering:

"Oh, my darling, marry me! I'll make you love me as I love you! I swear I will! I adore you! Oh, don't you think you could, Lilian?"

She began to laugh. She tried not to. He was looking surprised and reproachful! How could he know why she was laughing?

"Oh, Barry, but . . . don't you see, I . . . I always have cared!"

"Lilian!" he gasped, the reproachful look on his face changing to one of such glorious happiness that she felt she would cry again if she didn't fight hard.

"But I thought it was Phyl! I never dared to . . . let myself think of you! I knew it would . . . hurt too much! I crushed it down, made myself believe I'd be . . . happy all alone! But I never would have been. Not really happy! As if one could be really happy, all alone, if one cares for someone as . . . as . . ."

"As you care for me?"

"Yes, Barry! As I care for you!"

He caught her in his arms.

Later, he said:

"We'll be married at once! Special license! Will that suit you, sweetheart?"

"Mother will be terribly upset! She . . . she counted on me—"

"Yes!" His voice was dry. "She did! Well, she's counted on you once too often! She'll have to do what other mothers do when all their children are married! She'll have to pay for someone to look after her! I—" He put his arm round her again—"am going to see that you, who have looked after other people all your life, are going to be looked after yourself now! And just you see what'll happen to anyone who tries to stop me!"

Not a looker-on any more! Never, never again! No more envying of other people's happiness. . . . No more ruthless crushing down of what she'd felt, all these months, for this man!

She'd come into her kingdom, at last, as a woman does whose lover's arms are round her, whose lover's lips are close pressed to hers.

THE END

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THE MAN WITH THE SMILE

PASSING OF MR. F. C. TERRY

Affectionately known as "Smiler" Terry, because he was seldom seen without a smile, Mr. Francis Charles Terry, formerly of Park-place, Margate, passed away at Slough last week at the age of 75.

For 23 years Mr. Terry was chief booking clerk at Margate railway station and for some years following his retirement from the railway service was booking clerk at Margate Jetty for the General Steam Navigation Co.

Mr. Terry entered the railway service at Wrotham, Kent, as a learner-clerk. He served as booking clerk for five years at Snow Hill station, London, and in 1904 was selected from among a hundred applicants as chief booking clerk at Margate. He retired from the service at the age of 60.

Mr. Terry was a prominent member of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (Royal Kentish Banner), attaining the degree of knight, and was for some time secretary of the lodge which met at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Margate. He represented the Order on the Old Folk's Tea and Entertainment Committee. He was also a member of the Ancient Order of Druids and of Margate Working Men's Club and was chairman for many years of the Shakespeare Sick Benefit Club.

The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Saturday.

METHODISTS' LOSS

FUNERAL OF MRS. E. J. GLOVER

The funeral took place at St. Peter's last week of Mrs. Georgina M. Glover, wife of Mr. Ernest J. Glover, of Rivercliff, The Vale, Broadstairs, who passed away suddenly.

Mrs. Glover, who was 48 years of age, had been closely associated with the work of both Broadstairs and St. Peter's Methodist churches and with her sister shared the duties of organist at the Broadstairs church. She was also a member of the choir. A member of the Star of the East Lodge of Good Templars, Mrs. Glover acted as accompanist at their meetings.

The interment was preceded by a service at St. Peter's Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. F. J. Bomford, superintendent minister of the Ramsgate circuit. Mrs. Glover's favourite hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung.

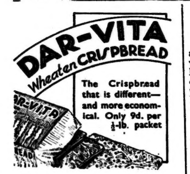
The family mourners were the husband and son, Mr. J. Baxter (brother), Miss Baxter (sister), Mrs. Ware, Mrs. Hughes and Mr. J. Packer.

ANOTHER BUFF MISSING

Only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Walker, of 59 Tivoli-road, Margate, Pte. Henry Walker, aged 24 years, The Buffs, has been posted as missing in the Middle East since 15th December.

An old boy of Salmestone School, Pte. Walker was employed at a local nursery before he joined the Army in March, 1940.

Two letters he wrote in November have reached his parents since they received on 22nd January the official notification that he is missing.



NOT CONSULTED

COUNCIL AND ELECTRICITY CHARGES

Ramsgate Council think they might have been consulted about the increase in electricity charges.

Notifying the proposed increase in the rates of supply in a letter dated 30th December, Mr. J. C. Dalton, manager and secretary of the Ramsgate and District Electric Supply Co. Ltd., drew attention to the fact that increased charges were not now possible unless the proposals were submitted to the Electricity Commissioners. The company put their case before the Commissioners last July and, after investigation, the Commissioners informed the company that the proposal to increase the charge by 30 per cent. above the pre-war rate had been referred to the Board of Trade, who saw no reason to intervene.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee at which this letter was received, the Town Clerk, Mr. H. G. Curtis, pointed out that it was possible under the Defence Regulations for the company to obtain authority for increasing charges without reference to the Council but drew the committee's attention to the following paragraph which appeared in a report submitted to the Council by the Electricity Sub-Committee on 1st February, 1940:

". . . Mr. Dalton, explaining the reasons for the directors' decision, expressed regret that the matter had become one of such urgency as to make an immediate decision imperative and render it impossible for prior consultation to take place with this committee. Mr. Dalton gave an undertaking, however, that the revised tariffs would not be varied without an opportunity for consideration by the committee of proposals and prior consultation."

The report submitted by the Finance Committee to the Council on Thursday stated:

"In view of the fact that the above undertaking by Mr. Dalton was made some time after the outbreak of war when it was apparent that difficulties in connection with the supply of electricity were likely to increase rather than diminish, the committee feel very strongly that Mr. Dalton should have kept faith with the committee and should have honoured his undertaking to consult the committee before varying the charges for electricity, however strong the grounds may have been for further increase, and the committee have instructed the Town Clerk to write to Mr. Dalton on the matter."

MODERN COMEDIES

LAUGHTER-MAKERS AT ODEON

Two first-class comedies are included in the programmes being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

To-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow, Paulette Goddard is co-starred with Bob Hope in "Nothing But the Truth," a rollicking farce which tells of the rash bet made by a young stockbroker that he can tell the truth and nothing but, for the space of 24 hours. The setting is alluring Miami Beach and most of the action takes place on a luxury house-boat in Biscayne Bay. Bob Hope is the stockbroker and Paulette Goddard is the madcap niece of Hope's business partner, Edward Arnold. Twice filmed in silent form, "Nothing But the Truth" has been modernised, provided with snappy new dialogue, and streamlined to fit the talents of fast-talking Bob and glamorous Paulette. Also being screened is "Seventh Survivor," with Austin Trevor, Linden Travers and Wally Patch.

Chief feature for the latter part of the week is "Skylark," the rousing comedy based on the Broadway success in which Gertrude Lawrence made one of her greatest hits. It is a fast-moving story of domestic life among the industrious rich—of a woman who comes to the belated conclusion that she is no match for the other passion in her husband's life—in this case the money-making job of large-scale advertising. She decides to settle the affair in her own way—first by a divorce and then to deal with the persuasive attentions of her romantic lawyer. The cast includes Claudette Colbert, Ray Milland, Walter Abel and Brian Aherne. The programme will also include "Ride on Vaquero," with Cesar Romero.

COMING UP FOR AIR

RELIEF FOR TUNNEL WARDENS

Not prepared to agree to the duty hours of deep-tunnel shelter wardens at Ramsgate being reduced from 12 to eight hour shifts, the Regional Commissioner suggested that the shelter wardens and post wardens should periodically exchange duties.

Ramsgate Civil Defence Committee felt, in view of local conditions, it would be unwise to adopt the suggestion, but having regard to the conditions in which the shelter wardens are required to perform their duties, they have asked the Sub-Controller to arrange the shifts so that each warden, in order to obtain the maximum amount of relief, shall have three hours above ground in every shift.

POLICE PROMOTIONS

THREE SERGEANTS IN ONE FAMILY

Following the retirement to pension of Sgt. Wilkinson and Sgt. Cornhill, of the Margate borough police, Temp. Sgts. James Galer and Frank Beer have been confirmed in rank and P/Cs Ernest Taylor (32) and Arthur Norris (1) have received temporary promotion as patrol sergeants.

Sgt. Norris, aged 33 years, is a son of ex-Sgt. Norris, of the K.C.C., who was stationed for many years at Minster and Westgate, and his elder brother is also a sergeant in the Margate force. He has been commended five times for good work in the detection of crime.

At one time a stoker at Sandwich gas works, Sgt. Taylor, aged 47 years served as a battery-sergeant-major in the Royal Field Artillery in the last war and, joining Margate police force in August, 1920, has been three times commended.

A YEAR AGO

Two direct hits were registered on a Methodist Church and two women were killed by bombs dropped by a hit-and-run raider on a south-east coast town. Although the church was wrecked, the Bible from which the lessons were read was saved undamaged.

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A Junkers 87 dive-bomber crashed in flames at the back of Margate. People heard an air battle being fought out above the clouds and they then saw the dive-bomber shooting towards the ground with four Spitfires on its tail.

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About a hundred incendiaries and half a dozen high explosive bombs were dropped during a raid on a south-east coast town. Firemen, policemen, soldiers and civilians quickly got to work and the incendiaries were extinguished in a very short time. There were no casualties.

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Two employees of Ramsgate Gas and Water Department, Messrs. Walter Potter and Harry T. Rose, were commended for distinguished services during raids.

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A census showed that the number of people who used Ramsgate tunnel shelters, whether or not an alert was on, was 1,753.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Now a mechanic in the R.N.A.S., a former resident of Ramsgate, Mr. J. B. Sharman, paid a brief visit to the town while on leave during the week-end. He is posted to one of the best-known establishments and much enjoys the life. He has had one or two experiences of flights and is looking forward to more.

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After a fortnight at the front, 2nd-Lt. E. G. King, Bedford Regiment, has been returned to England suffering from the effects of gas. He is the youngest son of the late Mr. R. C. King, of Ramsgate, and one of four brothers in the Army.

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A telegram received late on Monday evening announced the death on active service in Mesopotamia of 2nd-Lt. G. J. L. Stovin, who had a commission in the 37th Dogras, I.O.R. He was the only son of Capt. Lucas G. Stovin and Mrs. Stovin, of Ramsgate.

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The staff of the THANET ADVERTISER & ECHO have formed a savings association to be termed "The Pen and Stick Club."

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We regret to record the death, which occurred suddenly on Monday, of Mr. Frederick John Cole, for a long period of years proprietor and headmaster of Vale College, Ramsgate.

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A novelty at the monthly meeting of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District Council on Monday was the presence for the first time at a public meeting of a lady minute clerk.

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The first report of the present Chief Constable of Ramsgate presents some striking figures in relation to licensing matters. In ten years there has been a decrease of cent per cent. in the number of charges for drunkenness and the record is the lowest for the whole decade. Comparative figures are proverbially misleading but if these figures prove anything at all, it is certainly in the direction of a retort to the allegations frequently levelled against the sobriety of the soldier's wife.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

BOATMEN ENTERTAINED

At the invitation of Mr. E. J. Brett, of Oaklands, St. Peter's, the well-known London journalist, about 70 old boatmen and fishermen belonging to the port of Ramsgate were entertained to dinner in St. George's Hall on Saturday evening. Councillor Emmett very ably carried out the arrangements for Mr. Brett, who occupied the chair in his usual genial manner. Each old tar having been provided with an allowance of tobacco, a good clay and his favourite liquor, harmony became the order of the evening.

CHANDOS GARDENS

An enquiry was conducted at the Board Room of the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Local Board on Tuesday for the purpose of receiving evidence for or against the scheme for borrowing the sum of £1,600 for the purpose of laying out Chandos Gardens and an adjoining plot of land as a public pleasure ground, with a sheltered seat, etc.

MANY UNCLES

At a meeting of Broadstairs Pier and Harbour Commissioners letters were read from Fred Smith, better known as "Uncle Ned," of Westminster, London, Harry Primrose, alias "Uncle Spot," of Queen's Music Hall, Halifax, Yorks, and from C. Warner, alias "Uncle Charlie," of Garden-row, Ramsgate, asking the Commissioners' permission to perform on the sands during the summer months on the usual terms, viz., 10s. for the season. Several members remarked that as there was such a demand to have the privilege of performing on the sands they should raise the terms to £1. Ultimately it was resolved that "Uncle Spot" should have the privilege for £1, and should provide not less than three performers.

RAMSGATE'S POLICE WOMEN

The Chief Constable, Mr. S. F. Butler, has obtained the approval of the Home Office to the increase of the total whole-time strength of the Women's Auxiliary Police Corps in Ramsgate from seven to eight, and the reduction in the establishment of the male police auxiliaries from 100 to 75, of which 65 may be police war reservists.

As the present strength of the police war reservists is 68, the Home Office offer no objection to it remaining at that figure until the reduced establishment is attained.

The salary of First Police Reserve Inspector Swendell has been increased from 1st January from £300 to £320 a year, the minimum scale for inspectors.

REPLACING H.M.S. THANET

WARSHIPS WEEK TOTALS TO BE POOLED

In their coming Warships Weeks next month the three Thanet towns of Ramsgate, Broadstairs and Margate are aiming at raising a total of £400,000 to replace H.M. destroyer Thanet, which was sunk during an engagement with a Japanese force off the Malayan Peninsula.

Each town will carry out its own programme as originally arranged but the total amount raised will be pooled so that a new H.M.S. Thanet can sail the seas with the Royal Navy.

The sum of £400,000 required to provide a new destroyer is far in advance of the combined targets originally fixed by the three towns, but the peculiarly local character of the appeal should provide the incentive for the great effort required.

During War Weapons Week the three towns raised a combined total of about £385,000. That figure must be beaten if the objective is to be reached.

In each of the three towns an energetic committee is hard at work preparing for the weeks and if the public response is in proportion to their efforts Thanet should be able to claim the proud distinction of having replaced the gallant destroyer which bore her name.

Broadstairs will be first in the field, for their week is to be held from 7th-14th March and will be opened by Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, Under-Secretary of State for Air.

Adml. Sir Edward Evans will open both the Ramsgate and Margate Weeks on 14th March.

RAMSGATE AGREES

At a meeting of the Ramsgate committee on Tuesday, presided over by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), it was unanimously decided to agree to the joint target on the understanding that each town is permitted to carry out its separately-arranged programme.

Messrs. W. W. Wetherill, chairman of the Executive Committee, and H. E. Wright, joint hon. secretary, were authorised to represent Ramsgate on a joint Thanet committee.

Mr. S. H. Winter, joint hon. secretary, outlined the plans for the exhibition, to be held at Littlewood's, which promises to be one of the finest ever staged in this part of the country.

The Mayor, who is assuming responsibility for the week's social programme, submitted a tentative programme as follows: Saturday, 14th March, snooker tournament; Monday, boxing tournament; Tuesday, Troopers Concert Party; Wednesday, whist drive (afternoon) and military assault at arms (evening); Thursday, Warships Week ball; Friday, whist drive; Saturday, football match.

Members of the civil defence services intending to take part in the arts and crafts competition being held in connection with the exhibition are reminded that entry forms are available at the ADVERTISER & ECHO Office Church-hill, Ramsgate, and should be completed and returned to Winter's, King-street, at the earliest possible moment.

BROADSTAIRS UNANIMOUS

At a meeting of the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Warships Week Committee, on Tuesday, held under the chairmanship of Councillor B. J. Pearson, the main item under discussion was the suggestion that, instead of continuing with the objective of a minesweeping trawler as originally proposed, the town should endeavour, in conjunction with Ramsgate and Margate, to replace H.M.S. Thanet. The suggestion met with the unanimous approval of the committee.

This change of objective will not interfere with the main arrangements for the carrying out of Warships Week, and the model building and crayon drawing competition for children will continue as at first arranged in view of the fact that many competitors have already commenced models and drawings of a minesweeping trawler.

It was pointed out that extra special efforts will have to be made, but with the three towns working in conjunction it was felt H.M.S. Thanet will be replaced.

For the week ending 31st January, national savings in Broadstairs and St. Peter's resulted in a total of £572, made up as to £177 in Savings Certificates, £10 in Defence Bonds and £385 in the Post Office Savings Bank.

MARGATE'S CO-OPERATION

Margate unanimously adopted the suggestion to co-operate with the other Thanet towns at a Warships Week Committee meeting presided over by the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare), on Wednesday.

The Mayor said he approached Ramsgate and Broadstairs with a view to the three towns pooling their resources with the object of raising sufficient money to replace the destroyer.

The effort involved a sum of about £400,000 being raised by the three towns and with a co-operative effort he thought they might reach that sum and could then ask the Admiralty to replace the Thanet at a suitable time. He pointed out that the three towns would continue to organise and hold their Warships Weeks in their own way, there being no question of altering the arrangements.

The Mayor said he understood from the headquarters of the National Savings Committee that there was no ship at present on the stocks which could be given the name of Thanet, but the suggestion of the Thanet towns raising money to replace the ship had been well received at the Admiralty, who had encouraged them to go on with the idea.

In reply to a question, the Mayor said Ramsgate's Warships Week aim was not so high as Margate's, being only £70,000, but having regard to the success of the War Weapons Week last year he thought they would reach £150,000. "They are richer in some respects than Margate," he added.

He thought the competitive spirit between Margate and Ramsgate could very well continue, and still aim at outbidding each other.

The Mayor welcomed to the meeting Mr. S. H. Winter, joint hon. secretary to the Ramsgate committee, and said he was pleased to see the

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GRAVE SITUATION

FIGHT FOR DOCTOR'S SERVICES

Although the staff of the Ramsgate Medical Officer of Health, Dr. J. V. Walker, has been reduced to one junior clerk, there is a possibility that Dr. Walker himself may be called up for military service, as the East Kent Local Medical War Committee propose to recommend him for a commission.

Recently Councillor T. H. Prestedge, chairman of the Public Health Committee, and the Town Clerk, Mr. H. G. Curtis, attended a meeting of the Medical War Committee and put forward strong representations for the retention of Dr. Walker's services at Ramsgate.

The Public Health Committee reported on Thursday that they felt it would be impossible for the Council to carry out their statutory duties in connection with public health, school medical services and casualty and ambulance services for civil defence if the Medical Officer were called up for military service.

"In view of the possibility that the East Kent Local Medical War Committee will persist in their proposal in spite of the representations made to them," the committee authorised the chairman and Town Clerk to take such further steps as may be possible to represent to the Central Medical War Committee and the Ministry of Health the gravity of the situation from the point of view of public health if the Medical Officer of Health should be called up for military service.

THE CHEAPEST METHOD

CHIEF WARDEN'S CAR ALLOWANCE

Ramsgate Civil Defence Committee having been asked by the Council to reconsider a proposal to allow the Chief Warden a sum of £21 5s., the amount of the Road Fund license for the use of his car, have confirmed their view that he could not maintain the standard of efficiency attained in his official duties without the use of a car.

The committee also found that there was no other car available which could be operated more economically than the Chief Warden's own car, that it would be more costly to purchase a car and that the payment suggested by the committee would be substantially exceeded if they adopted the alternative open to them of paying him 5d. a mile for the use of his car for civil defence purposes.

At the meeting of the Council on Thursday, therefore, the committee again asked the Council to approve the allowance of £21 5s. to the Chief Warden from 1st January this year.

Councillor F. C. Miller said the Civil Defence Committee had apparently been influenced by the statement that if the proposal were not adopted a car would have to be purchased, and it would prove much more costly. It had been said there was no surplus car available, yet there were four redundant civil defence cars.

The mileage of the Chief Warden's car in connection with his duties was very small, said Councillor Miller. When he asked the Sub-Controller what petrol was used he replied that it was so small that it was not worth checking. So unless the car was fitted with top'sls the mileage must be small. They should also remember that in respect of civil defence cars no Road Fund license duties were payable.

Councillor Miller moved that the paragraph be not approved.

Always Cropping Up.

Seconding the amendment, Councillor J. B. Butler said the Gas Identification Officer was to have the use of one of the civil defence cars. If this was so, was co-operation lacking? The Chief Warden would not visit all the civil defence posts himself and they would next find that the man who went round for him would also want a car. This question of cars seemed always to be cropping up. Soon they would find that the man responsible for seeing that the fire guards did their duty would also want a car.

Councillor H. Farmer said nothing had been brought forward to cause him to alter his previous opinion. As the Chief Warden's car was not used solely in connection with his duties he did not think the burgesses should be called upon to pay for it. A smaller car might well be used, with economy in tax, oil and petrol. Because of the shortage of petrol their bread was to be delivered only three times a week and it was up to the Council to remember this shortage. The matter of car allowances was becoming most acute.

Councillor A. R. Young, chairman of the Civil Defence Committee, said the car was the private property of the Chief Warden and he would pay the running costs apart from the tax and a petrol allowance for civil defence work. It was a little misleading to say there were four cars surplus. The Civil Defence Committee had in mind uses for at least three of these cars. The one remaining car was of equivalent horse power to that of the Chief Warden's car, so no saving would be effected. From time to time they must accept the advice of their senior officials and they were advised that it was in the interests of efficiency that the Chief Warden should have the use of a car, and the proposal put forward was also in the interests of economy.

The amendment was defeated and the committee's recommendation adopted.

WORKS DEPARTMENT DILEMMA

Ramsgate Borough Engineer, Mr. R. D. Brimmell, has pointed out to the Works Committee of the Council the very great difficulty he is experiencing in carrying on with his existing staff.

As the difficulty would be considerably accentuated if certain members of the staff and employees are called up, particularly in view of the department's responsibility regarding air raid repairs, shelter schemes and other civil defence matters, the Council have authorised that all necessary steps should be taken to obtain for the maximum period possible deferment of their calling up.

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co-operative spirit growing between the Thanet towns.

Mr. Winter in reply, said he was sure the spirit of co-operation would take them much further than if they worked on their own. On behalf of the Ramsgate committee he offered Margate help in any way possible in organising Warships Week.

HIS LOUD VOICE

CAFE OWNER FINED

CHECKING HIRE CAR PASSENGERS

Alfred John Morris, café proprietor, of High-street, Ramsgate, pleaded not guilty at Ramsgate county police court on Tuesday to obstructing a constable in the execution of his duty at St. Nicholas on 20th December.

The case had previously been adjourned in order that defendant could be legally represented but on Tuesday he said he was defending it himself.

Mr. Eric Weale, county prosecuting solicitor, explained that the proceedings were brought under the Defence Regulations. It was important that the police should be protected in these days. They were working considerably longer hours than they used to do and had many unpleasant tasks to perform, one of which was to stop motorists coming into a defence area. They had the right to expect from the public the same civility and courtesy as they extended to the public, but here they had a case of a man adopting a blustering, bullying, aggressive attitude. He was a big man and one might not realise his infirmity. The young police officer was doing nothing but his duty in asking for certain particulars, and the police looked upon this as a serious charge.

P/C P. G. Brown, Ramsgate borough police stated that at 4.30 p.m. on 20th December he was on duty at St. Nicholas road check when he stopped defendant, who was driving his Hackney carriage car. Witness held up his hand as a signal to stop but before doing so defendant continued at least 30 yards beyond him. Travelling in the car were four children returning temporarily to Ramsgate for the Christmas holidays and two adults. When he asked the adults to show him their identity cards defendant interrupted and commenced to be abusive, telling him to hurry up and saying he had just travelled 500 miles and could not stay there wasting his petrol.

None of Your Business.

When witness asked one of the adults, Mr. S. Aldridge, of London, why he was travelling to Ramsgate, defendant said "He's on business with me and that's none of your business." Witness had the greatest difficulty in obtaining answers to his questions as defendant continued to make remarks, such as "I have never seen such goings on. Wasting my petrol and —— time. I am going to write to the Watch Committee about this. What business is it of yours? If you want to know, go to the police station to-morrow. I shall be going there myself. If you don't hurry up you won't find out as I am going to drive on."

Eventually defendant said "Well, if you want to know, I am selling my café. I am thinking of selling it and he is thinking of buying it. I am getting out of Ramsgate, with your —— police force."

When witness asked for the children's cards, defendant said "What are you doing that for? Wasting more of my time. I will tell you something—they have registered at Ramsgate." When witness said it was his duty to take down particulars of children between the ages of five and 14, Morris said "Duty my ——. That is nonsense. I told you they have registered at Ramsgate. How many more times do you want their names?"

When told he would be reported, defendant shouted as he drove away "That's right, report it to the Chief Constable."

Asked if he wished to question the witness, defendant said "I am more than surprised a police officer should stand up and tell such lies."

After asking P/C Brown a few questions to which the officer replied on the lines of his evidence, defendant said "I have a lot more questions but he will not answer them properly."

"Gestapo Methods."

Sgt. A. Files, Ramsgate borough police, said that at 10.30 a.m. on 22nd December he went with P/C Close to defendant's shop in order to see Mr. Aldridge. Defendant said "It's me you want to see, not Mr. Aldridge, he's here on business, my business." Witness repeated that he was there on duty to see Mr. Aldridge, whereupon defendant adopted a blustering, bullying attitude and said "If you want to see Mr. Aldridge you will have to see him with a solicitor. I am not going to put up with your Gestapo methods. I am going down to see the Chief Constable." Witness made no reply and, as Mr. Aldridge came in, asked to see him privately.

While they were in a back room, defendant came bursting in and said "This is my business. These are my premises. If you want to ask anything ask me. I am going to make a case of this and am going to see your Chief Constable."

Owing to defendant's attitude it was impossible to see Mr. Aldridge privately so it was arranged that he should call later at the police station, where he gave a satisfactory explanation for his visit.

Defendant's Version.

On oath, defendant stated that he passed the usual police barrier at about 3.53 p.m. and about 1 3/10 mile further on discovered there was a new hut, with a white long pole and a trestle. He coasted down to the barrier, which was more than half-way across the road, and when within 15 yards of it stopped. Nobody came from the hut so he changed gear and began to pull round the barrier. When five yards from the white pole and trestle he caught sight of a police officer in uniform talking to somebody at the back of the small hut.

Witness sounded his electric horn and received the police officer's signal to proceed. He had started off when Mr. Aldridge told him the police officer was shouting to him. He immediately stopped and as the officer came up asked what was the matter. "Oh," said the officer, "I did not quite see who it was. Who are the people in the car?" Witness explained that the four children would register in the usual way on arriving at Ramsgate and that the two adults were coming to his premises on business and that he would be going to the station to report about it. There was quite a lot of talk and the officer seemed quite satisfied.

His Daughter's Part.

The constable then asked his daughter for her card and she gave him two, one for a little boy in the car. He took down the particulars and after seeing the other children's cards asked for the little boy's again. His daughter said "Well, officer, I have just given you little Freddie's card." The officer replied "I am not arguing with you or your father," but when he looked at the boy's card he found he had already got the details.

Witness then said "Don't you think it would be far better instead of all this if you had asked me about the children? I could have told you all about them and it would have saved a lot of time. You didn't ask for my card or driving license. There's a civilian lorry just gone by but you just waved it on."

Witness denied making a rude comment to the constable about his duty and asserted that the barrier at which he stopped had been there only one day.

Declaring that he had been a cripple for 24½ years, Morris added that he might have spoken in a loud voice but he always did so and he did not know it was a crime. In fact, people had been decorated for it.

Cross-examined, defendant said the conversation was amicable and there was no bad feeling, but he did resent the remark to his daughter.

Asked if he was surprised to see Sgt. Files, Morris replied "I am not surprised at a lot of things that happen in Ramsgate."

Mr. Weale: Was your attitude blustering and bullying?—The same as I am talking now. I suppose my loud talk is always taken for that.

The majority of the police take your loud talk as a blustering attitude?—I have been rung up by a police sergeant from this building telling me to mind my own —— business.

High Opinion of Police.

Morris added that he had a very high opinion of the police of Ramsgate and had stated so some years ago in his report to the Home Secretary.

Asked why he did not leave Sgt. Files alone with Mr. Aldridge, defendant replied "I didn't think there was anything wrong in going into my own room and talking to them."

Mr. Weale: P/C Brown's evidence is a complete fabrication?—The first part of his evidence is a lie.

June Morris, 13-year-old daughter of defendant, corroborated her father's evidence in circumstantial detail. Remarks made by her daddy, she said, were "I have travelled 500 miles. You are wasting my time. Do you mind hurrying up?" "I think you are wasting a lot of time unnecessarily." They arrived back at Ramsgate at 4.25 p.m.

Remarking that in these times it was most essential that not only travellers on the road but everybody else should give the police every assistance they could, the Chairman, Mr. W. Booth Reeve, said to defendant "We have come to the conclusion that your attitude was not helpful and there will be a conviction."

When Inspr. F. Hann reported that the only conviction against defendant was a fine of 20s. at Woolwich last year for excessive speed, Morris remarked that that was when the car was bombed.

Fined 40s., defendant said he wanted to appeal, and was allowed 14 days for payment.

THREE YEARS SOBER

MINSTER CONGRATULATED

At the annual licensing sessions for the Ramsgate Division of the County on Tuesday it was reported that there had been no cases of drunkenness in the Minster and Monkton area for the past three years.

The annual report, presented by Inspr. F. Hann, K.C.C., stated that there were eight ale houses and one beer house, together with one grocer's license, in the division. One ale house had been closed for the duration of the war.

No licensee had been proceeded against and the whole of the licensed premises had been generally well conducted.

Statistics showed that in 1936 there were three cases of drunkenness, in 1937 and 1938 one each, but since then there had been none.

Remarking that it was a very satisfactory report, Mr. W. Booth Reeve, who presided, said the licensees were to be congratulated upon the fact that there had been no cases of drunkenness in the division for three years. It was very creditable not only to the inhabitants but to the police and to the licensees for the way they had conducted their houses.

It was announced that all the existing licenses would be renewed and that the adjourned annual meeting would be held on 3rd March.

GOOD-BYE TO OLD TIMES

After considering further the question of making available the maximum quantity of waste paper, Ramsgate Public Library Committee have authorised the Acting Librarian to dispose of all copies of "The Times" prior to September, 1938.

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The British War Relief Fund for the Philippines has sent via the Personal Services League a cheque to the Ramsgate Fund for £12 6s. 3d.

Other contributions include £30 from H.M.S. Ganges War Charities Fund Committee, Ipswich, Suffolk, £2 from Mr. W. C. Thorn, of New York, brother of Mr. W. C. Thorn, of Flora-road, Ramsgate, and a further £2 from Mrs. B. J. Tamplin, of Lausanne, Switzerland.

FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

DRAMATIC FILMS AT KING'S

The fight for freedom and for the underdog is the theme of both the main films being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

"The Common Touch," which heads the bill to-day and to-morrow, tells of Peter Henderson, a boy of 18, who is brought away from school to take full control of his father's business following a tragic accident involving both his parents. Peter is accepted by the board of directors of the firm as a figurehead but he thwarts the ruthless plans of the chairman after he has seen for himself how "the other half" lives. The "other half" see in his action the promise of a new world arising from the old. The cast is headed by Greta Gynt, Geoffrey Hibbert and Joyce Howard. Roy Rogers in "The Carson City Kid" is also being shown.

Chief feature for the latter part of the week is "Penn of Pennsylvania," the absorbing story of William Penn, son of the famous Admiral Penn, who quarrelled with his father in order to become a Quaker. He gave up the licentious way of living of King Charles II's Court and organised Quaker meetings—preaching freedom of thought, freedom of speech and equality for all men. Political issues arose and Penn was thrown into gaol. The story relates how Penn went to America, built Philadelphia, and of his final fight for freedom in securing from Queen Anne the right of self government for Pennsylvania. Clifford Evans has the part of Penn and Deborah Kerr plays opposite him. "Country Fair," with Eddie Foy, jun. and June Clyde, will also be shown.

PENNY A WEEK

BRITISH RED CROSS FUND

Over 50 volunteers have offered their services for the penny weekly house-to-house collection in aid of the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation at Broadstairs and St. Peter's.

Previously 15 collectors had obtained £180 for the local Prisoners of War Fund and the new scheme which replaces it will minimise the cost of administration, while local prisoners of war will receive their regular parcels of food and comforts as before.

For the purposes of the collection the district has been divided into four areas, their organisers being—Central, Mrs. Byrne; Pierremont, Mrs. Boyd; St. Peter's, Mrs. Fagg; Kingsgate, Councillor B. Humphrey.

Other members of the general committee are Councillor B. J. Pearson, chairman, Mrs. F. M. Saunders, Commandant of Kent. V.A.D. 146, secretary and treasurer, the Revs. C. H. Bailey, R. D. d'E. Meredith and W. Lomax Mackenzie, Mr. E. Hilton, Mr. A. T. Tucker, Mrs. Pearson, and Mrs. Ware.

At the inaugural meeting at which Councillor Pearson presided, Mrs. M. E. Jenkins, regional officer of the Kent Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund, said the aim was to secure a voluntary contribution of one penny weekly from everyone in the country to help towards the cost of prisoners' parcels, tracing the missing, sick and wounded, maintaining auxiliary hospitals and convalescent homes, hospital supply services, ambulance and nursing services and the relief of raid sufferers.

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BROADSTAIRS

More Wool.—Organised by Mrs. Holden and Mrs. Weir in aid of Mrs. Pearson's Wool Fund, the dance held at the Garden-on-the-Sands Pavilion, Broadstairs, realised £10 3s.

Newsagent Bereaved.—The funeral took place at St. Peter's on Friday of Mrs. Winifred Alice Dawson, wife of Mr. J. T. B. Dawson, of 45 Rosemary-avenue, Broadstairs, who died on Tuesday following a short illness. For the past 17 years Mr. Dawson has carried on business as a newsagent and stationer at Queen's-road.

Saving Time Over Samples.—The practice of reporting in detail to the Council upon the results of all samples of milk taken at Broadstairs is to be discontinued by the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. F. S. Burrow), who has been authorised to confine his reports to unsatisfactory samples and the action taken in connection with them.

Funeral of Mrs. M. E. Bones.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary E. Bones, of Bradstow-way, Broadstairs, widow of the late Mr. J. T. Bones, whose death was announced in our last issue, took place at Minster Cemetery last week. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Minster (Rev. A. W. MacMichael). The mourners were Mrs. E. Williamson (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. F. Fright, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fright and Mr. and Mrs. A. Fright (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. T. Fright and Mr. J. Fright (brothers), Mrs. W. Williamson and Mrs. Harris.

MINSTER.

Full-time School.—It is expected that full-time schooling will be resumed at Minster shortly. A letter from the Kent Education Committee, read at a meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday, stated that permission had been given for the resumption of full-time schooling subject to the provision of adequate air raid shelter facilities. The committee were anxious that full-time schooling should be resumed as soon as possible and were in communication with the Board of Education concerning the provision of shelters.

BIRCHINGTON

Acorn's New Landlord.—The license of the Acorn Inn, Birchington, has been transferred from the late Mr. C. E. Solly to Mr. Frank Roberts, a former West Kent golf professional.

Warships Week.—Birchington is aiming at raising £12,000 as its contribution to Margate Warships Week. Before War Weapons Week last year there were only two savings groups in Birchington, with a total of 59 members. There are now nine groups with 223 members.

HONOUR FOR TOWN CLERK

The honorary freedom of the borough of Sandwich is to be conferred on Mr. Edwin Cotton Byrne, for many years Town Clerk until his retirement two years ago.

A PROFESSIONAL JOB

Should a defect develop in the dynamo the work of repair should be handed over to a garage or, preferably, a Lucas service depot. There is, however, a number of jobs which the owner-driver should carry out at fairly long intervals, say, every six months. Further, some parts of this component require no attention at all in service, such as the cut-out and dynamo voltage regulator. These, by the way, are housed in a unit and this is usually mounted on the engine side of the dash.

But the owner-driver naturally wants to know what he should do on these half-yearly occasions. Here are the duties for which he should make himself responsible. Remove the metal cover band. Examine the wiring in the charging circuit; tape up frayed or worn cables. Test the terminal connections of the dynamo, control box, ammeter and battery for tightness.

Check the brushes, seeing that they move freely in their holders by holding back the brush springs and pulling gently on the flexible connectors. Any inclined to stick should be removed and have their sides rubbed with a petrol-moistened cloth, while care should be taken to see they are replaced in their original positions. Brushes worn so much that they do not bear properly on the commutator should be replaced and properly "bedded," but this is a job which should be left to a professional.

Clean the commutator by pressing a clean cloth against it while someone is turning the engine slowly by hand; moisten the cloth with petrol if very dirty and oily.

Inspect the fan belt. Adjust as necessary at the points provided, but do not make too tight, and see that the dynamo is correctly aligned.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

For the Children.—Arrangements have been made by Ramsgate Medical Officer of Health for the extension of the distribution of cod liver oil to children over two years of age.

Aerodrome Chairman.—Councillor W. L. Knibbs has been elected chairman for 1942 of Ramsgate Municipal Aerodrome Committee, with Councillor G. W. Caffell as vice-chairman.

December Births and Deaths.—In December the births were registered at Ramsgate of nine boys and five girls. The deaths were registered in the same month of six males and 11 females.

Genuine Samples.—All 15 samples of food recently taken at Ramsgate for analysis, including seven of milk, three of self-raising flour and two of meat and fish paste, have been reported genuine.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices. Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

National Savings.—Ramsgate's national savings for the week ended 31st January amounted to £1,607 and was made up of £419 in Savings Certificates and an increase of £1,188 due to depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank.

Russian Flag Day.—Miss M. A. C. Thomson has been granted permission by Ramsgate Watch Committee to hold a street collection on behalf of the R.S.P.C.A. Veterinary Supplies for Russia Fund.

Milk Bottles Excluded.—Milk bottles are in future to be excluded from the materials which may be regarded as salvage by the contractor who retrieves articles from house refuse under an agreement with Ramsgate Corporation.

Ploughing.—Ramsgate Council have now secured delivery of a two-furrow plough at a cost of £36 16s. Prior to its arrival 40 acres of land had been ploughed up by a tractor and plough, hired at 30s. per day.

Tunnel Shows Banned.—Ramsgate Council, in accordance with their general policy, have disapproved an application by Miss Parker, who wanted to organise a series of entertainments in the deep tunnel shelters.

Allowed to Join Up.—Mr. J. C. Cotton, chief engineering assistant in Ramsgate Corporation Works Department, who was refused permission in May last to accept a commission in the Royal Engineers, is now to be allowed to do so.

No Longer Needed.—As the use of a portion of the premises known as 15 Cliff-street, Ramsgate, rented by the Council at £50 a year, is no longer required for police and A.R.P. purposes, the Council propose to determine the tenancy in July.

Harbour Promotions.—Following the retirement of Mr. E. Revell, Mr. A. Bryant has been promoted Piermaster No. 1 at Ramsgate Harbour. Mr. C. R. Stankiste has been appointed temporary acting Piermaster No. 2 and Mr. W. Eades temporary acting Piermaster No. 3.

Scrap Metal Tenders.—For the purchase of scrap metals, Ramsgate Council have accepted the offers of Mr. Walter Gore. The prices per ton were: Structural steelwork, £7 1s. 3d.; heavy iron, £2 10s. 3d.; light iron, £1 0s. 3d.; lead, £18 15s. 3d.; zinc, £14 1s. 6d. Three other lower tenders were received.

Police Garage.—Land at the rear of Ramsgate police station, comprising a disused building yard and buildings thereon, is being purchased by the Corporation from Mr. A. Powell for £175, to provide additional garage accommodation required by the borough police. As a temporary measure, in the meantime, garage accommodation for police purposes is to be allocated at the Central Garage, Princes-street.

Paying Up.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday adjourned for a month the case in which George Albert Scott, of Bloomsbury-road, was summoned for arrears under a maintenance order in favour of his wife. It was stated that since the case was last before the court on 15th December, Scott had made regular payments of £1 a week, the amount of the order, and 4s. a week off the arrears. An adjournment until 13th April was made in the case of Stephen Roland Baker, of the barge Crouch Belle, who was similarly summoned. It was stated that Baker had reduced the arrears by £2 10s. since 15th December and the wife was quite satisfied.

MARGATE

Change of Blue.—P/C F. Bremner has been released from Margate police force for service with the R.A.F.

Youth Representative.—Councillor H. G. Pedder has been nominated Margate Council's representative on the management committee of the New Cross-street Youth Centre.

Fencing as Firewood.—Alderman E. S. Linington has reported to Margate Council Waterworks Committee that arrangements have been made for surplus wood from the fencing at Old Court Farm to be sold as firewood to Corporation employees at 12s. 6d. per cord.

Vicar's Illness.—Taken ill when he went to London last month on a few days' leave, the Rev. D. V. Beckingham, Vicar of Margate, has made good progress towards recovery at St. Luke's Hostel, N.W., and hopes to return to Margate shortly.

More Staff Changes.—There have been more changes in the staff of the Borough Treasurer's Department at Margate. Mr. D. E. Ward has been called up for military service and Miss M. Hoare has resigned. Mrs. A. F. Mills and Miss A. M. F. Wells have been appointed temporary assistants in the department.

Deputy Thanked.—Mr. J. G. Tomlin-Smith, deputy Waterworks Engineer, has been thanked by Margate Council for the efficient manner in which he conducted the work of the department during the period between the resignation of Mr. A. E. Crisp and the date on which his successor took up duty.

Charge for Stray Dogs.—The charges payable to Mr. G. Sayer, Margate Corporation horsekeeper at Victoria-road stables, in respect of stray dogs have been increased by 2d. a day as from 1st February, making the charge 8d. a day when claimed by the owner and 6d. a day when unclaimed.

POLICE BEAT ARMY

In a shooting match at Willson's-road Drill Hall last week Ramsgate police defeated an Army side by 262 points to 239.

The scores were:

Ramsgate police—S/C Page 20 and 19, P/C Shanahan 15 and 18, S/C Fearn 10 and 18, W/R Marshall 10 and 16 P/C Housden 15 and 13, S/C Luckett 15 and 19, P/S Jenner 20 and 15, D/C Oram 20 and 19.

Army—Col. Clark 15 and 18, C/Q/M/S Shaw 15 and 14, C/M/S Tester 20 and 20, Sgt. Harvey 0 and 16, Lt. Shearer 15 and 20, Sgt.-Maj. Burgess 20 and 14, Lt. Harris 15 and 19, Sgt. Scrace 0 and 18.

TWO MOBILE CANTEENS

Ramsgate Council have agreed with the W.V.S. that the large mobile canteen received as a gift from Walcha, N.S.W., should be reserved solely for purposes related to the civil defence service, while the original small canteen is to be used for serving refreshments to members of H.M. Forces.

In order to facilitate the operation of both canteens, application has been made to the regional authorities for consent to the employment of two male drivers as part of the civil defence personnel.

STANDARD MINDS

FREEDOM OF THE AIR

By SIR ERNEST BENN

The strength of the dictator consists very largely of his possession of the sole right to broadcast, thus ensuring that the minds of his dupes receive only such words and thoughts as suit his purpose.

For the purposes of war it is right and proper that we should surrender our freedom to hear and to know everything, and for the time being content ourselves with such facts and news as the High Command and the Minister of Information are able to give us in view of the necessity for keeping the enemy in ignorance of our plans.

What I have to say has, therefore, no bearing on the circumstances of the moment but is concerned entirely with the happy day surely not far distant when Hitler will cease from troubling us. On that day when we shall be thinking once again in terms of our historic liberties, the very first question to arise will be concerned with the B.B.C. and its monopoly of our hearing powers.

Within a mere 20 years our traditional Freedom of Speech and Freedom of the Press have been almost nullified by the absence of freedom in this powerful new means of communicating word and thought. We are not, of course, reduced to the level of the German or the Italian, but the difference between their plight and ours is only one of degree. As things are at present, it is as if we were confined by law to one official newspaper.

Most striking is the fact that only in this island home of freedom and in dictator countries is this wireless monopoly to be found. Australians, Canadians, Americans all enjoy the benefits of competition in broadcasting, just as we still enjoy the advantages of competition in the press. They have the chance to hear all sides, as well as read all sides. The marvels of wireless have come upon us so quickly, the charm and mystery are overpowering, the convenience is so obvious, that we have accepted it all without waiting to consider any of its implications.

Freedom of the Mind.

The mental black-out of Italy and Germany has been recognised and understood ever since those countries came under the rule of Dictators. An official press and an official wireless enable the modern dictator to put into the minds of his people everything that serves his purpose and, what is even worse, to keep out of the minds of the people anything that is incompatible with his particular point of view. People living in these conditions have really no more mind than had the followers of the Mad Mullah; what he achieved by Black Magic, the modern despot accomplishes by wireless waves.

A mind, like any other organism, has to be fed, has to exercise itself, requires to reason and to compare; if it is relieved of these obligations, not troubled with such information as would create doubt and lead to thought, but merely and only told all the time what to think, it ceases to be a mind at all. Freedom of speech and press means freedom of the mind and in all the centuries of fight for this freedom, the printed and the spoken word were the only known approaches to the mind. Those centuries of struggle are in process of being nullified by the totalitarian wireless —the B.B.C.

I must be clear and emphatic on one point. I have no quarrel whatever with the B.B.C. In the very brief period of its existence, not yet 20 years, it has functioned in a way as near to the ideal as was humanly possible.

My quarrel is that a free Parliament of a free people, forgetting every idea with which Parliament since the Middle Ages has been associated, and at the moment of the achievement of the full and perfect democracy, should deliberately put 40 million pairs of ears into the slavery of monopoly. The spirit behind the anti-trust, anti-monopoly movement, the spirit which not only prompted talk about freedom but also encouraged thought on the subject, is, be it said to our shame, much weaker than it ought to be.

The price of liberty is eternal vigilance, but so few of us to-day seem to understand the nature of liberty. Perhaps it is that we are too comfortable that life is too easy, that we are not up against the sort of hardships which faced the Victorians.

How did this thing start? Having happened within the last 20 years, it is important that the record should be clearly set out. It begins with the Post Office. There is a very strong case for the convenience of a national Post Office. It has no bearing whatever on matters of the mind, it does not touch questions of opinion, it is outside the problems of production, commerce and the standard of living, and in one way or another the Post Office constitutes one of those minor matters which the anti-monopolist can afford to leave out of his consideration.

Copper Wire.

From the carriage of mails the Postmaster General moved on to telegrams and later to telephones. Parliament adopted the easy view that telegraphs and telephones were something to do with copper wire, thought that wireless must therefore be in the same category, and so accepted without a murmur the theory that the new waves were automatically the monopoly of the Postmaster General.

My American and Canadian friends visiting this country scoff when I talk about the superior qualities of the B.B.C. They possess a facility for selecting the station of their choice which is much more generally developed than with us. They enjoy the same privilege of choice in the matter of wireless as we are still allowed with the newspaper press. If freedom means anything at all to us it means freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom for the powers of hearing. It is rubbish to talk of freedom while my ears are blocked by monopoly. We have spoken for centuries of speech and of the press because we knew nothing of this new power. Twenty years ago we failed to realise its possibilities and we let it slip into the grip of a monopoly designed to handle postage stamps, without knowing or realising what we were doing.

Post-war problems will require all our old qualities, if they are to be solved with any degree of success. We shall need to hear all sides, to argue and debate, to give ourselves the benefits of difference and competition, to pit wit against wit and thus minimise the risk of error.

We simply cannot afford to leave our ears in the grip of a small class or section of theorists or planners. We dare not allow every detail of our

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SOBER RAMSGATE

TROOPS BEHAVE WELL

The report of the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler), presented to the licensing justices at Ramsgate Brewster Sessions on Friday, stated that on 31st December only 77 licensed premises remained open, the remaining 56 being closed owing to war conditions.

The population of the town on the same date was approximately 14,424, so that there were 187 persons to each of the premises then remaining open.

During the year five men and one woman were proceeded against for drunkenness. Four were non-residents. The comparative figures for the previous year were three men and one woman.

"Licensed premises generally have been uniformly well-conducted during the year," stated the report.

The Chairman (Col. E. E. Ogier) said the Chief Constable's report had been prepared with his usual care and lucidity.

"We are glad to see that Ramsgate is keeping up its reputation for sobriety and that of the cases of drunkenness which came before the bench last year only two were residents," said the Chairman. "Apparently the troops have behaved exceptionally well and in these circumstances we are justly entitled to say that we are very satisfied with the manner in which licensees have conducted their houses and I also think the police deserve a pat on the back for their supervision."

The Chairman announced that where renewal fees had been paid all existing licenses would be renewed.

The adjourned annual sessions, said the Chairman would be held on 6th March and transfer days had been fixed for 16th March, 4th May, 15th June, 27th July, 7th September, 19th October, 7th December and 11th January, 1943.

Cliff License Kept Alive.

On the application of the Town Clerk (Mr H. G. Curtis), the magistrates renewed for a further 2½ years the license held by Mr. R. J. Costerton in respect of the St. Lawrence Cliffs Pavilion.

The Town Clerk said the application was being made for the purpose of keeping the license alive. The premises were not open at the moment and were not likely to be during the war. Monopoly value had been agreed at £10.

LEGACY OF "ECONOMY"

WORKS DEPOTS' DEFECTS

Plans for the modernisation of Ramsgate Corporation Works Depots were approved several years ago but were postponed on the grounds of economy.

Recently, members of the Works Committee visited the depots at St. Luke's-avenue and Princes-road and also inspected premises in the eastern part of the town which had been offered for purchase by the Council as suitable to meet the difficulties at present experienced owing to the lack of accommodation at the existing depots, particularly in regard to adequate stores, offices and a carpenters' workshop.

After thoroughly discussing the matter with the Borough Engineer, Mr. R. D. Brimmell, the committee came to the conclusion, however, that, in view of existing conditions the present time is not opportune for the Council to seek authority to incur capital expenditure upon the purchase of new premises for the purpose and they decided not to proceed further in the matter.

CASH AND CARRY SHOPPING

The scheme to rationalise retail deliveries with a view to saving petrol, recently outlined in the ADVERTISER & ECHO, was explained to East Kent traders, including several from Thanet, at a meeting held at Canterbury Guildhall last week.

There was general agreement that the public could help greatly in the solution of the problem by adopting the Cash and Carry system—taking their purchases with them when paying.

After transport officials had described various proposals, it was decided that each Trade Association and other traders should be invited to evolve schemes for submission to the Canterbury and District Chamber of Trade for the purpose of further consideration.

UNSATISFACTORY TENANTS

The sum of £83 7s. 4d. owing by various tenants, who vacated their houses some considerable time ago and left the town, has been written off as irrecoverable by the Housing Committee of Margate Council.

The committee have also given instructions for notices to quit to be served on the tenants of 12 houses and for proceedings to be taken against certain former tenants for recovery of arrears of rent.

In cases where he is satisfied the financial circumstances of the tenants justify such assistance, the Borough Treasurer (Mr. I. Cowan) has been authorised to grant temporary rebates of rent.

EVACUEES' WHOLE-TIME CENTRE

The first of its kind in Staffordshire, a whole-time centre for the evacuees of the district, who include many from Thanet, was opened at Rugeley on Monday.

HOPEFUL COUNCIL

A two years agreement for the payment of £155 10s. a year has been entered into by Ramsgate Council with the G.P.O. for six cuckoo adaptors to operate the local alarm within the alert.

The Council were offered an alternative agreement of £77 a year for five years but the Civil Defence Committee thought two years would be enough

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lives to be at the mercy of any member of the intelligentsia who can get to the microphone with a new egg scheme. If that is to be our fate, we are much nearer to final ruin than is commonly appreciated.

If, therefore, we mean what we say when we talk of freedom, we must, immediately on the cessation of hostilities, declare the Freedom of the Air, cease to imitate the Dictators, and give ourselves, as Milton put it, the "liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience."

HASTENED DEATH

OLD MAN'S FALL

A fall outside his house one evening expedited the death in Ramsgate General Hospital of Mr. Alexander Fossey, aged 87, who lived alone at 38 Hertford-street, Ramsgate.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned by the Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) at an inquest held at the police station on Monday.

Miss Lily Fossey, of New-road, Sittingbourne, a daughter, said her father was a retired upholsterer. She had not seen him since he was bombed out of his previous home in Ramsgate. He lived alone in the house in Hertford-street.

Mrs. Florence Jane Stroud, of 36 Hertford-street, said Mr. Fossey had lived in the next house for the past 15 months. He always seemed quite cheerful and able to get about quite well on his own. On Saturday, 17th January, witness came out of her house at about 6.15 p.m. and saw someone lying on the pavement. She called her husband and they then found it was Mr. Fossey, so she called the police. Mr. Fossey was unconscious and the door of his house was on the jar. His overcoat was lying beside him on the ground and there was a pool of blood by his head.

Continuing, witness said that Mr. Fossey used to go down the tunnel every night and someone usually came to fetch him between 6.30 and 7 p.m.

Mrs. Stroud said she thought Mr. Fossey was coming to her house for her husband to help him on with his overcoat. He was in the habit of doing that. Following the accident he was removed by ambulance to hospital.

First Police Reserve Sgt. Hoare, who was called to Hertford-street by Mrs. Stroud, said Mr. Fossey was lying opposite his front door. When witness moved him he opened his eyes and he was conscious when he got him into Mrs. Stroud's house. He could give no account of how the accident occurred. He said he could not remember.

Witness said he thought Mr. Fossey must have been trying to put his coat on outside the house when he tripped and fell, striking his head on the steps of the next door house.

Dr. C. H. T. Bond said that on admission to hospital Mr. Fossey had a straight cut on the back of the head and a good deal of bruising. He was rather cold but quite conscious. Three stitches were put in the wound. The wound healed very well. Mr. Fossey suffered from kidney trouble, which got worse and from which he eventually died. The accident accelerated death.

Summing up, the Coroner said he was satisfied that Mr. Fossey fell accidentally and that it expedited his death.

THANET TEMPLAR CONVENTION

ANNUAL MEETING AT BROADSTAIRS.

The annual meeting of the Thanet Templar Convention, International Order of Good Templars, was held in the Good Templar Hall, Edge End-road, Broadstairs, on Saturday, when Mr. T. Wright Convention Chief Templar, presided over a representative gathering from the Advance and Sunbeam Lodges, Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet Lodge, Margate, and Star of the East Lodge, Broadstairs.

In his report the Convention Chief Templar surveyed the work done during the year, while the Convention Supt. of Juvenile Work, Mrs. L. A. Ware, gave interesting details of work among the children. In the absence of the Convention Treasurer, Mr. L. Parker, the balance sheet was presented by Mr. A. B. Impett.

Those present included Pte. R. Pointer, who was home on leave.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

C.T., Mr. T. Wright (Sunbeam); Counsellor, Mr. E. A. Knight (Isle of Thanet); S.J.W., Mrs. L. A. Ware (Star of the East); S.E.W., Mrs. D. Hunt (Advance); S.L.W., Mr. T. E. McCabe (Star of the East); V.T., Mrs. Isaacs (Sunbeam); secretary, Mrs. R. A. Watt (Advance); assistant secretary, Miss C. Amos (Advance); treasurer, Mr. L. Parker (Isle of Thanet); chaplain, Mr. A. B. Impett (Star of the East); marshal, Mrs. A. Hawes (Star of the East); deputy marshal, Mrs. B. Lowe (Advance); guard, Mr. S. Glover (Star of the East); sentinel, Miss Rixon (Star of the East); messenger, Mr. R. Pointer (Star of the East); organist, Mrs. D. Hunt (Advance).

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

KEEP FLAG FLYING

Although the majority of the members of Ramsgate and District Horticultural Society have left the district, those remaining are keeping the flag flying.

Mr. A. Tuck presided at a general meeting of the society held at the Oddfellows' Hall last week, when, on the proposition of the secretary, Mr. J. K. Massey, it was decided to re-elect all the officers for the coming year.

Reference was made to the loss the society had sustained by the deaths of Messrs. E. H. Godfrey, E. Marsden and E. J. Solly, and the members stood for a few moments in silent tribute.

Reviewing the financial position, Mr. Massey said they had a credit balance at the bank of £41 10s. and it was decided to invest a further £7 10s. in National Savings Certificates.

It was decided to take no action at the present time in the matter of holding shows.

MISSING AT HONGKONG

Spr. Arthur Richard Crambrook, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Crambrook, formerly of 25 Charlotte-square, Margate, now living at Luton, who was attached to the Hongkong garrison, has been reported missing since 25th December.

Before the war Spr. Crambrook was employed at Margate gas works as a fitter and afterwards served with an A.R.P. rescue and demolition unit. He was called up in March, 1940.

MAYOR'S SALARY FUND BALANCE

A balance of £132 13s. 11d. standing to the credit of the Mayor of Margate's salary account, a fund set up to deal with conference expenses, etc., and administered by a Conferences Sub-Committee, has been transferred to the general rate fund.

THREE HUNDRED SERMONS

VICAR'S BUSY YEAR

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH FINANCES

During 1941 the Vicar of Ramsgate (Rev. C. R. Farnsworth) conducted between 500 and 600 services and preached 304 sermons.

High tribute to the Vicar's services to the church and town was paid at the annual meeting of St. George's Church, held in the crypt on Thursday.

In view of the small Easter offering last year it was decided to make the Vicar a gift of £50 from the church funds.

Mr. H. W. Waters was re-elected people's warden and the Vicar again nominated Mr. C. S. Holthouse as his warden.

Recording in detail the activities of another trying and difficult year under war conditions, the report of the Church Council, presented by the secretary, Mr. E. A. Knight, stated: "The spirit of our congregation and church membership remains as high as ever and we continue in complete confidence that when peace is restored the parish church of Ramsgate will resume its old time position in the religious life of the town. Difficult times will be our lot during the year before us but, with all working together harmoniously and happily as during the year now ended, we shall surmount our difficulties and our church work will prosper."

Describing as a tremendous asset the inspiring leadership of the Vicar, the report added "It is remarkable how he stands up to the strain of so many activities not only in connection with Church work but in so many other directions in which he has felt impelled to engage his attention and efforts. He remains charged with the care of two other parishes—St. Luke's and St. Paul's—and also retains his position as chaplain to H.M. Forces, and has but one curate (at St. Luke's) to support him." Tribute was also paid to the diligence of the wardens, Mr. C. S. Holthouse (Vicar's) and Mr. H. W. Waters (people's), who had shown much aptitude for their duties.

Changes in the Crypt.

During the year only three services were held in the church, all the rest having taken place in the crypt, which had been entirely altered in appearance by new seating arrangements and furnished with pews and other fittings and ornaments taken from St. Mary's. The choir now sat among the congregation and although the change was not at first welcomed, it had been of benefit to the musical part of the services, the standard of which had been maintained by the talent of Miss Janet Poulden as organist.

The report acknowledged the deep interest taken in the welfare of the church, particularly in relation to its financial affairs, by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe).

Income amounted to £1,209 13s., including a legacy of £100 from Mrs. Ellicott and several sums received for special funds, and expenditure came to £958 0s. 6d. With sincere thanks to Mr. J. M. West, the church treasurer, the Council coupled deep regret at his impending departure from Ramsgate. The accounts showed the value of the Duplex scheme of offerings, of which Mr. Holthouse had again undertaken the duties of secretary and treasurer. The thanksgiving day in October brought in gifts totalling £47 odd, and the garden party in July realised £41 4s. 9d., of which £20 4s. 9d. was devoted to special objects and missions, and the balance placed to the churchwardens' account, which now had a credit balance of £21 10s. 11d. The illumination of the model of the church, made by the Vicar, assisted by Miss Poulden and Miss Sharpe, produced over £20, which had brought the church restoration fund to £44 12s. 11d.

Future of St. Mary's.

Some months ago the Church Council obtained a faculty to deal with St. Mary's Church but, stated the report, "what will happen to that building and the site eventually cannot be told at this moment as negotiations are still in progress in an attempt to preserve the building for church purposes."

With the return of many young folk to the town, the Sunday School and Sunday morning services for children began again on 28th September. The Sunday School, under Miss Harvison and, lately, Mr. Derek Barrett, had a membership of 55 and 45 children were enrolled on the register of the Sunday services, which were under the capable direction of Mr. Waters. The Women's Fellowship, Mothers' Union and Youth Fellowship were all working successfully.

In paying tribute to all who had shown ready and devoted service, the Church Council also thanked those who used the crypt as an air raid shelter for keeping the place so tidy.

Presenting the accounts, the treasurer, Mr. J. M. West, said that offertories had fallen from £296 in 1940 to £114 but of the 1940 total £200 was received before May, when the great exodus from Ramsgate took place, and before the introduction of the Duplex system. Each of the various accounts showed a balance.

The Vicar, expressing regret at the impending departure of Mr. West, said it was the first time for many years that all the accounts showed credit balances.

Gift to Vicar.

Moving that the Vicar should be made a gift of £50 from the church funds, Mr. Knight said they were very sorry the Easter offering was so small and it might have been that the Duplex system affected it to a small extent. The fact remained that the amount which the Vicar received was not nearly worthy of him. The Vicar had done a wonderful year's work and from "information received" he understood that he had during the year conducted between 500 and 600 services.

After the resolution had been seconded by Mr. West, the Vicar said it was extremely kind and very thoughtful of them but it would worry him terribly if he had to accept the money. It was the greatest joy to him to "go all out," and he only wished he could do even more than he was already doing.

It was apparent from the atmosphere of the meeting that the parishioners wished that the gift should be made and on being put to the vote by Mr. Knight the resolution was carried unanimously.

After returning thanks for the gift the Vicar thanked all who had worked on behalf of the church during the year and paid a particular tribute to Mr. Wraight who, he said, had acted as sacristan and general factotum to the church.

Messrs. Knight, Holthouse and Waters were elected to serve on the Diocesan Conference for the next three years and those elected to the Ruri-decanal Conference were Messrs. Wraight and S. Dadds, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Bishop, Miss Carr, Mrs. Farnsworth, Mrs. Holthouse and Mrs. Barrett.

Twenty members elected to the Parochial Church Council were Messrs. Bishop, White, Cullen, Wells, Mirams, Shaxted and Fagg, Miss Harvison, Miss Sharps, Miss Spinner, Mrs. Wraight, Mrs. Apps, Miss Knight, Mrs. Kelsey, Miss Poulden, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Mirams, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. White and Miss L. Foreman.

Sidesmen elected were Messrs. West, Wells, S. Dadds, B. Dadds, Cullen, Bishop, Gilbey, Firrell, Kenyon Daniel, Tucker, Impett, Evans, Warden and Ralph.

Col. E. E. Ogier was re-elected auditor.

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MAKING MOST OF POINTS

The design of a rationing scheme is a perpetual compromise between hard-and-fast arrangements that are easy to administer and flexible plans that allow the customer to retain some freedom of choice.

The research for greater flexibility has led Lord Woolton, Food Minister, to give the "points" system a trial. Points are intended to prevent people from buying more than their share of goods while still allowing "à la carte shopping."

It cannot be denied, however, that points rationing does present the housewife with some very difficult problems. It was comparatively easy when the points foods were limited to canned meat and fish and baked beans. The housewife generally had a fair idea which of these she would prefer to buy and (apart from the fact that there was not as much salmon as might have been desired) she generally managed to get what she wanted.

Now, however, the scheme has been extended to include three quite different ranges of food. There are the cereals—rice, sago and tapioca, the dried pulses such as lentils, beans and peas, and dried fruits. The housewife has to decide what proportion of her family points should be spent on each of these foods and the problem is not made easier by the fact that she must think in terms of four weeks at a time instead of only one week.

Best Course.

What is the best way to set about it? Probably most households will find that the best course is first of all to decide what quantities they will need in the four-week period of the lowest points foods, such as cereals and the beans and lentils. The requisite number of points should be reserved for these.

Then comes the decision as to what quantity of dried fruits will be needed for making puddings and cakes. The temptation to allot an excessive number of points to this group is one that should be resisted.

The remaining points are then available for the various types of canned meat and fish. Here the actual purchases will depend very much on what is available. Now that the points value of salmon has been raised to 24 points per lb., many people will probably find that they can get better value and a bigger contribution to the household meals by buying one of the lower pointed tins, such as American pork sausage meat, which is only eight points per lb.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Moyler.—5th February, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moyler (née Port), of Ramsgate, the gift of a most welcome son (Barry Albert), a brother for Brian.

MARRIAGES

Lewis—Welch.—31st January, at St. John's Church, Margate, Tpr. Thomas Frederick Lewis, R.A.C., of Margate, to Ivy May Welch, of London.

DEATHS

Chapman.—5th February, at Ramsgate General Hospital, Thomas Walter Chapman, of Grassholme, London-road, Ramsgate, aged 76 years.

Gore.—2nd February, at Merthyr Infirmary, S. Wales, Clarissa Gore, of 3 Daisy-villas, Ramsgate, aged 82 years.

Gray.—3rd February, at 9 Lorne-road, Ramsgate, William Gray passed peacefully away, aged 81 years.

Hermitage.—1st February, at 25 Glencoe-road, Margate, Charlotte Hermitage, aged 89 years.

Minter.—29th January, Alfred Minter, of 51 Alexandra-road, Ramsgate, late of Faversham.

Smith.—1st February, at 25 Alexandra-road, Margate, Walter James Smith, aged 76 years.

Terry.—2nd February, at 45 Northampton-avenue, Slough, Bucks, Francis Charles Terry, late of Margate, aged 75 years.

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